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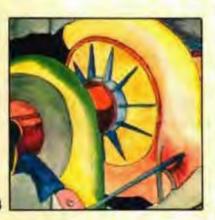
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# LETTERS TO THE RAINBOW

# 'Return' Envelope

Editor:

First, a quick note to Dale Reed ("Letters To Rainbow," March 1985)... Instead of retyping a program like his No Ghosts (or if he just wants to run it before CSAVEing it to check it out), just type POKE 65494.@ in direct mode to return CoCo to normal speed.

I am a beginning "CoCo-nut" and feel good that I can pass on some of my selftaught knowledge. RAINBOW has been a blessing in my quest for CoCo knowledge!

Second, I am saving to buy a printer. I'd love to hear from anyone with comments on printers — advice on which ones to consider, which ones to avoid, best deals, etc. Also, does anyone have any old, unobtainable issues of RAINBOW they would like to share or sell? Please write to me at 964 Rt. 518, 08558.

Finally, I cannot resist commenting on Mr. Bungay's winning sexist "Envelope Of The Month" [March 1985, Page 9]. Since his envelope was a "winner" am I to assume RAINBOW's attitude as a whole is also sexist?! Please take note of my envelope in response to this. I do not claim to be an artist, however, I think my point is well made. I resisted the temptation to portray an angrylooking husband while his wife paid more attention to THE RAINBOW than to him!

Judy Leo Skillman, NJ

Editor's Note: See the article by Ed Ellers in the May 1985 Printers Issue of THE RAINBOW, Page 178 for a comparison on printers. Also the May 1984 issue has an article by Tom Nelson, "A Primer On Printers," Page 288.



### HINTS AND TIPS

Editor:

I notice a disclaimer concerning the Dragon computer on the RAINBOW ON TAPE order form. Mark Randall, in California, has a program that used to be sold by Tano that will convert about 95 percent of THE RAINBOW programs for Dragon use. You will find Mark listed from time to time in your BBS section under Color America in Covina, Calif. Since I have three CoCos and three Dragons, I find it very useful.

Ray Chasse Studio City, CA

### DEFAULT DEFLECTION

Editor:

CoCo Max is by far the best graphics program on the market for the Color Computer, but I found that its exclusive use of the default extension / MAX limited the use of graphics pictures developed on other programs such as Graphicom, Micropainter, etc.

By using the following pokes, you can change the default extension to /BIN. Before using the pokes, it is recommended that a backup be made. Add these pokes to the BASIC loader.

POKE &H5708, &H42: POKE&H570C, &H49: POKE&H6900, &H49: POKE &H6901, &H4E: POKE&H6989, &H42

> R.S. Gilmer Miami, FL

# TWO POKES TO COMPATIBILITY

Editor:

I thought some of your readers might be interested in a couple of pokes to make the older *Telewriter-64* compatible with Disk 1,1 BASIC.

I recently had to replace my Disk 1.0 ROM with Disk 1.1 ROM and found my version of Telewriter would no longer work. I disassembled the program and found where it called Disk 1.0 BASIC. I then found the proper address it should call with Disk 1.1 BASIC. Here are two pokes which will modify Telewriter to call the correct routine for Disk 1.1 BASIC.

POKE&H2ZE1.&HCA: POKE&H2ZE2.&H62 These could be included in the BASIC loader program after it loads the TW64/BIN file or the binary file could be permanently modified by loading it, typing in the pokes directly and saving it. The start, end and execute addresses are &HIE28, &H40EB and &H1E28, respectively.

R.D. Smith Eugene, OR

### THE '?' IS THE ANSWER

Editor

I entered the MoCale spreadsheet program from the April 1984 [Page 186] issue of RAINBOW, and found it a valuable addition to my software library. Mr. Whittom's addition to it in the April 1985 issue ["Letters To Rainbow," Page 6] prompted me to write you with my enhancement.

I have found it annoying, after not using a particular program for a period of time, to forget the commands needed to utilize the program. The result is to frantically search for the article in past issues.

I have attempted to remedy this situation in MoCalc, By pressing '?', the function keys will be displayed on the screen for viewing. By pressing 'U' (update), the original spreadsheet is returned to the screen.

255 IFLS=CHRS(63) THEN 1500 1500 PRINT@99, "CELL ENTRY <G> X.Y

1510 PRINT@131, "FUNCTION ENTRY <F>X, Y

1520 PRINT@163, "FUNCTION VIEW <V>

1530 PRINT@195, "MOVE ML, MR.MU.MD

1540 PRINT@259, "SAVE-LOAD <S>

1550 PRINT@291, "PRINT <P>
1560 PRINT@452, "PRESS <ENTER>
TO CONTINUE"; : EXECUMA171
1570 GOTO 170

I hope this addition will be of use to other MoCale users.

Michael S. Kovach Lakeview, NY

# FIRST CHARACTERS FIRST

Editor

Here is a short program to correct the printer routine in L.I BASIC, which causes the first character in a line to be missed occasionally.

10 DATA 52.4,214.111,43.3,53.4.
57,246.255.34.84.37.250.53.4.57
20 L=&H01DA \*STORED IN CASSETTE BUFFER
30 FOR I=1T018:READ A:POKE

L.A:L=L+1:NEXT 40 PDKE 360,1:PDKE 361,218

This routine checks to see if the printer is ready before a character is sent. Just add this routine to the beginning of your programs that use printer output, and those first characters will be in front.

Jerry Graham Clovis, NM

### BEATING THE SOCKS OFF PRINTER CONTROL CODES

Editor:

Please pass along a big thank you to Roland Portillo, March 1985 RAINBOW ["Home Financial Statement," Page 87]. His article gave me something no other author has done: He included what his printer control codes were for and where in the program they could be found. This beats the socks off the rest of the programs I have tried to figure out; in fact, unless you have access to many printer manuals, it's impossible!

Recently I acquired an Olivetti Jet Ink
Printer — it's good so far, but if anyone
else out there has one and is having as much
fun as I did pulling the control codes out
of its manual, I sympathize. It took me two
days of solid digging and a royal flash of
intuition to get them (I think).

If anyone wants those control codes, please write me at 3123 - 138 Street SE, 98012.

Christine Terrio Bothell, WA

### INFORMATION PLEASE

Editor:

If I upgrade to 128K, will I be able to get more memory for games such as The Trip (August 1984 RAINBOW)? If I play it for more than an hour I end up with an OM Error and a ?MEM reveals 300 +- 100.

Jay Thomas Great Falls, MT

Editor's Note: We haven't seen any software for expanding BASIC with 128K as of this time, but expect something to show up in the near future. As 128K modes are fairly recent, it will take a little time for software to evolve.

### MACHINE LANGUAGE TRANSFORMER?

Editor:

I have been receiving your magazine for about a year now and I, like so many others, think it is the best. I was wondering if there was a compiler for the CoCo that, instead of turning BASIC into machine language, would turn machine language into BASIC cither in BASIC code or in data. Is there such a thing? Anyone with an answer can reach me at 5473 Cardinal Road, 54124.

Paul MacArthur Gillett, W1

Editor's Note: We know of no such program, other than a disassembler, which converts machine code to assembly language.

Editor:

I have just recently subscribed to your magazine. Hove it! But there is one problem. I don't understand the double-check listing before each program. I was wondering if it might help me in correcting my programs. Thanks for the help.

Joplin, MO

Editor's Note: See "Rainbow Info" on Page 129 of this issue for an explanation of the Rainbow Check Plus,

## PMODE 4 SCREEN DUMP

Editor:

I have a 64K CoCo 2 and a DMP-110 printer. I want to know if you know of a short graphics screen dump for the PMODE

> Brad Williams Springfield, IL

Editor's Note: Radio Shack sells a screen dump program called BWDUMP (Cat. No. 26-3121).

# COMMUNITY CHOICE

Editor:

I am an avid RAINBOW fan. Recently, RAINBOW has carried a number of advertisers marketing video digitizers that convert TV camera signals to a Hi-Res CoCo screen. Considering the three versions carried in January: DS-69 by Micro Works, Graphicom by Computize and VIDX by GRAFX, which of these have been endorsed by the CoCo community? Have you seen any in operation? Are they easy to connect to a standard video camera?

James McDermon Tyler, TX

Editor's Note: All of the digitizers you mentioned were on display at RAINBOWfest-Irvine and, as they are reviewed, we will try to distinguish between them. The DS-69 by Micro Works is used by several other programs, but since these devices are of recent design we'll have to see which stands the test of time with the community.

### ROM PAK SWITCHER

Editor:

I have been an avid reader of THE RAINBOW for several years now and eagerly await each month's issue. There is one problem I have that someone may be able to help with.

Some of my programs are incompatible with Disk BASIC (especially Radio Shack's programs for kids). But with two young children that I want to have hands-on experience, removing and inserting the disk ROM Pak is a bit of a chore for them. It would seem to me that a switch could be wired into the ROM Pak that could enable disable the Disk BASIC ROM. Maybe one of my fellow readers can come up with a way to do this.

Pavid B. Lamon Yuha City, CA

Editor's Note: Sounds like a job for Clay Howe. For starters, check his "Color BASIC ROM Switcher" article in the April 1985 RAINBOW, Page 98.

Editor:

I am a subscriber to RAINBOW and RAINBOW ON TAPE. I have a 64K Color Computer with two disk drives.

I am looking for a financial statement program that will list stocks and bonds, IRAs, mutual funds, savings account, check book balances, real estate holdings, cars, etc.

I am looking for something I could enter all of my assets and liabilities, keep them updated and print results on my DMP-200 printer.

> Sam Cerami Fort Lee, NJ

Editor's Note: We suggest you see our Business and Finance issues of RAINBOW, March 1984 and 1985.

# SEPARATING THE AMATEURS FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

Editor:

Your Simulation contest grand prize winner, Christopher Pfeifer, is indeed a winner! I read his article on the program Surface and was thoroughly impressed with the detail and clarity in which it was written. I feel he is no longer in a class of amateurs but now rivals the professionals.

Is it possible to purchase the game Surface on tape?

> Val Buncich Cloquet, MN

Editor's Note: Surface is available on RAINBOW ON TAPE. You can use the order form on the insert card between pages 34 and 35 of this issue.

## 16K ADVENTURE GENERATOR

Editor

I was wondering if anyone knows where I can get an Adventure generator for a 16K standard BASIC computer. If anyone can help me, write to 560 Adamsville Road, 16134.

> Adam Benedict Jamestown, PA

Editor.

My wife and I have been reading your magazine for two years and we love it. Our only complaint is we don't have enough time to do everything in THE RAINBOW. We recently started receiving RAINBOW ON TAPE so we have more time to use each program.

We would like to know if anyone has adapted the "CoCo Season's Greeting Cards" program, by Francis Kalinowski in the December 1984 issue to run on a Radio Shack DMP-200 printer. You can write to us at 1433 S. 78th Street, 53214.

My wife just entered the talking math program from the February 1985 issue ["Let CoCo Talk You Into A Better Education," Page 118]; we both enjoyed it a lot and would like to see more talking programs.

Has RAINBOW a BBS or are you thinking of starting one? We think it would be a good idea to transfer media.

Thanks very much for a great magazine.

Pat and Rob Brick

West Allis, WI

Editor's Note: While we have no BBS, nor any immediate plans to create one, that prospect is under consideration.

### COMMENTS, PLEASE

Editor:

I am a new subscriber to THE RAINBOW, but rest assured that as long as I have my CoCo, I shall remain on your subscription list. RAINBOW is the best Color Computer magazine around. Keep up the good work!

I would appreciate any comments from readers who got a firsthand look at the CoCo Max at the RAINBOWfest, Write me at 1706 Lakewood Road S., Edmonton, T6K 3H5.

> Azim Premji Alberta, Canada

## BOUQUETS

Editor:

I would like to publicly thank Custom Software Engineering Inc. for their patience and good service. They cleared my confusion about one of their ads and they gladly helped me get what I wanted. I hope all CoCo product companies follow their example. Thanks, guys!

Jorge E. Montes Oklahoma City, OK

# NOW THAT'S SERVICE!

Editor:

I'd like to present one perfect rose to Michael Norman of KRT Software.

I purchased a used copy of their F-16 instrument flight simulator through a classified ad from a third party as a present for my son. The tape sent to me was physically damaged and wouldn't load.

Although it was no fault of KRT, and in spite of giving birth to a 10 pound baby

boy, Mrs. Norman still replaced the tape at no cost to me.

Allan B. Klar Summer, WA

## PRINTER PROBLEM

Editor:

I have owned and used a Gemini printer for some time and recently purchased a new one, called the IOX PC. Upon hooking the new printer up and using it, I discovered that Gemini had deleted the italies set from the printer's character set!

To some, this may seem to be a petty complaint but, when you already have so many files set up with a word processing program (such as Telewriter-64 or VIP-Writer) that contain the italies, it is real disappointing to purchase a new printer only to find that it does not do what the old printer did!

Otherwise, the Gemini-10X PC is as capable and great as anyone could ask for.

Mark Hardee Memphis, TN

Editor's Note: The Gemini-10X PC was a special version of the 10X made for use with IBM PC. The regular 10X continues to have italies.

# CONTEST GROUPIE

Editor:

Being the novice CoCo user that I am, I would like to say that I am very excited again this year about RAINBOW's Adventure contest. The best part is that it gives novices and intermediates like me a chance not only to get a program published, but possibly to earn a prize. Keep the contest coming every year, please!

Tim Lehmann Manhattan, KS

### KUDOS

Editor:

You guys do it to me every time — or am I doing it to myself? Het my subscription lapse because I got tired of your writers forgetting that some of us are not interested in becoming Ph.D.s of programming. There are those of us who are very happy just working with BASIC. Not everyone is interested in moving on to machine language, PASCAL, OS-9, etc.

What I am trying to say is some of us are just having fun at a lower level. This doesn't mean we don't have a good grasp of computer technology, so please don't forget us.

Your magazine is really super. I promise not to let my subscription expire again.

My system is used for tax record keeping for my job (airline pilot) and management of rental properties. Also, it is tied into my ham radio for RTTY, CW, etc. The article in February 1985, WEFAX [Page 42] was very interesting. I hope you are going to print the changes to it for Radio Shack printers.

Again, thanks for a very good magazine for the CoCo.

Alfred R. Genola Pittsburgh, PA

Editor's Note: If you have access to CompuServe, GO PCS 126 to enter the Color SIG and check the various help files to see how to download for the Radio Shack printers.

### CLUBS, CLUBS, CLUBS

Editor:

If anyone is looking for a new CoCo club just for ages 5-16, here is the place to look. We won't have meetings, but will have a newsletter that will go out about every month. In it we'll have contests, programs and helpful hints on Adventures. You, the members, can submit these things. For more information please send a SASE to The CoCo Club, 11 Regal Drive, 07067.

Derrick Kardos Colonia, NJ

Editor:

There is a new CoCo users group that meets at the Mercer County Main Branch Library on Rt. I in Lawrenceville. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. We discuss anything and everything from CoCo programming to communications with the CoCo, graphics to music, operating systems to hardware. We also try to arrange guest speakers each month.

For more information call The CoCo Enterprise BBS System at (609) 448-7768 or The Tardis BBS at (609) 448-1361 and leave messages with the Sysop. If you don't have a modem, call Rachel Sieverts at (609) 443-4032.

> Michael Barcless East Windsor, NJ

Editor:

I am starting a CoCo users group and would like to reach some prospective members through your magazine. Interested CoCo nuts can reach me at Box 407, RD 1, 13021, or call (315) 253-4054.

David Sullivan Auhurn, NY

Editor;

I am pleased to announce our new Dragon computer users group, called Dragonet. We are a nonprofit organization in support of the orphan Dragon 32 and Dragon 64 computers, with interests in OS-9, FLEX and other features of this fine personal computer. We have made numerous connections with Dragon user groups in Great Britain, and will be publishing a monthly newsletter to all subscribers.

All interested CoCo or Dragon users should write: Dragonet, 1011 Louisa Street, 70117.

Wayne H. Schnell New Orleans, LA

Editor:

I am attempting to start a CoCo users group in the Green River-Rock Springs area. Anyone owning a CoCo (or thinking about buying one), please contact me at (307) 875-2106 or write me at 2025 Iowa Circle, 82935.

> Stephen R. Slaton Green River, WY

Editor:

Thank you for your help. We are corresponding worldwide with other CoCoclubs. Because of THE RAINBOW, we have friends in the U.S., Australia, West Germany, Belgium and Great Britain! Our club grew up. Our new address is: First CoCo Club of Hamburg, 2000 Hamburg 65, Op de Solt 53 a, West Germany.

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Rob Harrington Littleton, CO

Editor:

I would like to inform your readers of the opening of a BBS in Orange County. The BBS will be online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The board will be run by twodrive, 64K CoCo, with a 300 Baud Mark 10. Those who are interested may call (714) 847-5368 for the BBS, 847-2368 for voice.

Eric Wilson Huntington Beach, CA

### NOUVEAU COULEUR BBS

Editor:

I would like to announce a new BBS (in French) called L80C, which is dedicated to TRS-80 CoCo. Features include message base, electronic shopping, downloading, uploading, games and graphics. Readers may call the BBS anytime at (418) 872-8347.

Welly Denoncourt

Ancienne-Lorette, Quebec

Editor:

I would like to inform you of a few changes concerning my BBS, formerly the Pony Express BBS, (816) 232-2320. It has been named the Dragon's Lair. The BBS number is now (816) 232-4932. It has been updated to a Colorama Version 2.6. I plan on modifying it to take on a similarity of a dungeon Adventure. It is currently running only in the evenings.

Rick Drozd St. Joseph, MO

Editor:

Please unnounce our BBS in the Watertown area. The system supports up- and downloading, games, and many other features. The Durant Club Bulletin Board is online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phone number is (414) 699-3214.

> Durant Computer Club Watertown, WI

Editor:

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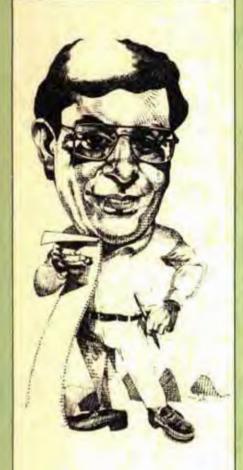
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the daffodils are poking their heads out of the ground here in Kentucky this week, which means spring has finally sprung in these parts and by the time you read this, they will probably all have given way to the tulips, roses and other early summer flowers.

I like winter a lot because of the weather, but, like most everyone else, I love spring most of all. The willow tree in the back yard is getting green, the pin oaks are starting to bud and it is time for my annual hunt for someone to cut the grass (for now, at least) on a weekly basis.

Dr. Perry, who taught me more than a little bit of Greek and Roman mythology at the University of Alabama many years ago, would have some interesting observations on why human beings like spring so much. The rebirth of the world; the resurgence in spirit; the times when the gods frolicked atop Mount Olympus. Something like that - or all of those things. No doubt.

I'm sure all of this has a lot to do with it. But, after all, even though the electronic pulses in our CoCos could outrace Mercury (and certainly are less tiring than the runner on the Plain of Marathon), mythology, rebirth and the like are far from the computer world of binary and

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Or are they? You have read here before that I consider the computer in general — and the CoCo in particular — to be among the ultimate in many ways. And so, what would happen if we (as we really do do so often in our businesses and in our homes) applied our CoCos to some of the ultimate questions of the world and universe. What if we developed the "Ultimate Program"?

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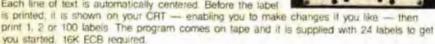


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I received a letter just the other day from an officer of a Color Computer club out West who had just received a letter from another club suggesting swapping software. The letter writer said that he and other members of his club resented the letter and that he wished I would take some steps to prevent it as much as possible.

We have been trying to do our part, but the bottom line is that you have to be the ones who stop software theft. It hurts every faction of the CoCo Community — including the users who end up having to spend more money than necessary to "cover" losses from piracy and the development of protection schemes.

I hope you will do your part to help us stop software theft. And, for the record, we do ask each club which is certified by us to agree to not allow "swapping" of software as a part of its bylaws. Incidentally, the bigger and better clubs are the ones which do not allow theft. Perhaps it is because they get into helping other members — and their communities — rather than having as a prime motive the ripping off of things for which they should be paying.

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ur change of tempo this month begins with our cover. It's the creation of Jerry McKiernan, a Beatles and blues, steel-stringed Harmony guitar picker, who's also RAINBOW's chief illustrator. The work of our resident gnome should be quite familiar to RAINBOW readers, as much of the artwork on our pages each month reflects his elfish qualities. He's produced so much for our inside pages as well as several covers for RAINBOW's sister publication, PCM, that I found it difficult to believe he hasn't previously done a cover for us. Jerry and I both had to double-check to confirm that, yes, this is his first for RAINBOW. It's an auspicious beginning, so, even though widely-acclaimed Fred Crawford, our regular cover artist returns next month, expect to see Jerry dipping his talented hand into all sorts of things, from his "CoCo Cat" cartoon feature to designing new additions to our Rainbow Bookshelf series.

While the rhythm is far-ranging in this our Sound and Music issue, with a little bit of everything from Chopin to sound synthesis, we're reserving some special fanfares for next month's Fourth Anniversary issue. After all, we're going to have the "Ultimate Program."

Did Lonnie Falk have the light of the enlightened in his eyes when he handed me the Ultimate Program memo? It seemed so to me. Maybe it was the gleam of recognition. You see, he had "that look." No, there was no light bulb visible above his head when he summoned me into his inner sanctum, but he'd clearly had a vision, and you could almost make it out if you peered deeply into his pupils. After reading his three-page, single-spaced memo, I still regarded his "latest" with a large measure of disbelief. As usual, though, he was not to be dissuaded.

While his immodest proposal for the Ultimate Program would seem to tax even the capabilities of that great computer room in the sky, Lonnie saw no reason whatsoever not to use the CoCo. His reasoning went along the lines that, given enough cassettes, everything that has ever happened could be saved to tape — or something like that. Just take it in byte-sized chunks, so to speak. He also saw no reason why we couldn't have it done in a month! That's when I called Bob Tyson.

Much to my surprise, Bob Tyson accepted the Anniversary Special assignment in stride. He was so matter of fact about it, I decided he must have seen the same light that shone in Lonnie's eyes. Write the Great American Program? Why not? Have it done in a month? No problem. Do it in under 32K? Probably wouldn't take that much. An assignment like that would fluster Clint Eastwood, but apparently not Cool Hand Bob. So, stay with us; there's a new genre of computer program in the making and it'll be one of our fourth anniversary gifts to the CoCo Community.

In the meantime, let's celebrate the sounds of CoCo and add to our musical skills as we explore this issue of THE RAINBOW. I'll conclude by breaking into my usual refrain: why not take note that a subscription to THE RAINBOW not only ensures that the beat goes on, but also saves you some 35 percent off the newsstand price. And, that's the name of that tune.

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66 T don't have to learn the multiplication tables," my 9-year-old announced.

"Yes, you do," I said.

"No, I don't!"

"DO!"

"DON'T!"

My son and I often have such philosophical discussions.

"Don't you want to know why?" he asked between rounds five and six.

"OK, tell my why."

"Because when I grow up, they'll have wrist computers. If I want to know how much something times something is, I'll just punch it into the computer."

"That hasn't happened yet," I said. But in my heart I knew I was fibbing. There are already cheap digital watches with full calculator functions. Some of the newer ones are rumored to have spreadsheets that run up your arm.

"Besides," my son went on, "when I'm grown I'll probably be living on Mars." He paused, savoring the idea. "And my wrist computer'll have

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word processing so I won't have to write. And it'll have a full-color screen that picks up any TV program I want."

"But what if you run into a Martian slime bunny and it vaporizes your wrist computer?" I said. "Then you won't be able to figure the coordinates to return to Mars Base One. You'll be lost out there! And all because you never learned the times tables!"

"Oh, get serious, Dad!"

I am a stern father. I sent my son to bed with only four peanut butter sandwiches and a quart of milk.

That night I wrote Multo of Mars. Multo is a computer character that makes a game of multiplication drills.

I remember learning the times tables in a kind of group agony called choral recitation. Thirty of us squirming fourth-graders droned answers as meaningless as telephone numbers we'd never call. I'm sure most of us managed to lapse into fantasies while mouthing the numbers. Like my son, I usually took a rocket ship to Mars, arriving well before "two times two is four."

The next afternoon, I introduced Multo to the pre-adolescent Earthling at my house. Multo helped but didn't do the entire job alone. Young Earthlings must write, recite and think about concepts they are learning, not just punch the answers into a computer.

Multo of Mars is a 16K Extended Color BASIC program. It uses Extended graphics and animation to teach fundamental multiplication skills ranging from "1 × 1" to "9 × 9." The times table is an educational must which is presented at about third grade level and should be mastered by about fifth grade.

Multo is a comic creature with tousled red hair, a huge head and big blue feet. Its mouth moves rapidly, then becomes a rectangle with a multiplication problem. Multo responds to correct answers in random, cheerful ways: dancing, smiling, crossing or blinking its eyes, and lifting an ear to emit colorful lightning bolts.

Play is simple. When a problem is presented, the player types the number answer and presses ENTER. A correct answer produces positive visual cues, and that particular problem is erased from the system. It may seem the same problem is presented more than once, but consider that "4 × 8" and "8 × 4" are a different sequence, and that "3 × 4" and "2 × 6" have the same answer.

A wrong answer offers nonjudgmental correction. The mouth becomes a green rectangle, the correct answer is shown in white, and the problem is once again presented for the player to enter the answer just seen.

This problem is not taken out of the system. It returns in its random turn until the player gets it right. In this way, the pool of problems narrows to those which the learner needs to study.

Multo of Mars keeps score inwardly.

About every seventh correct answer, a new letter of a building message appears on the screen. The encouraging message isn't completed until the 81st problem

is answered correctly. When this happens, Multo springs its last surprise: a huge smile and an endless series of dancing, eye-crossing and blinking, and fireworks from the ear. The program must be broken into to stop the run.

If your computer does not accept the "speed poke" (POKE 65495,0,), this command should be taken out of Line 110.

If a run of Multo of Mars is stopped before the entire series of problems is worked, the problems not yet solved may be seen by typing FOR X=1 TO 81: PRINT A\$(X): NEXT and pressing ENTER.

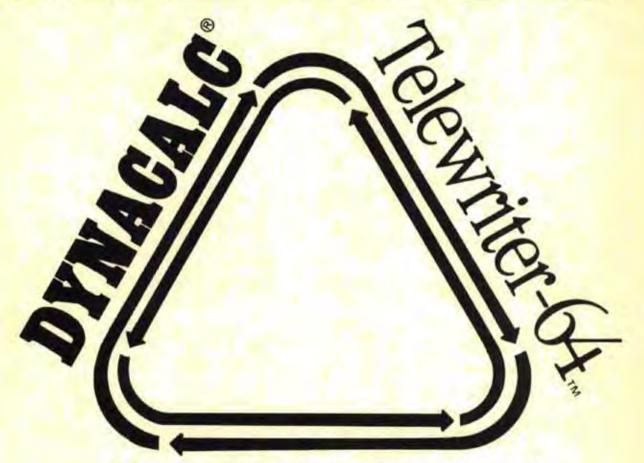
My advice to adults is to merely tell the young player how to play and leave the rest as a series of surprises. The building message, especially, tends to sustain interest even after the player has seen through the facade of what is after all a math drill.

The program has no sound. I removed the "boops" and "beeps" after a classroom test showed they tended to interfere with the work of students not at the computer.

Finally, I am not a teacher, but I know these things: Telling the answers to a computer, no matter how much fun it can be, is no substitute for writing the answers on paper. There is a learning connection between seeing, saying and writing, and learning the times tables is only the first step to learning how to multiply large numbers by each other — a process that requires pencil, paper and mind.



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35G25" | COLOR 4,1 420 R=75: FOR A=-R+10 TO R-10 ST EP 2: B=R\*R-A\*A: Y=INT(SQR(G)) 430 LINE (A+128, 96-Y) - (A+128-(RND (20)-10),96-Y+RND(25)),PSET: NEX T: COLOR 2.1 440 FOR X=100 TO 156 STEP 56: CI RCLE(X,70),20,,.6: CIRCLE(X,73), 5: NEXT 450 DRAW"BM117,85;F12E12": DRAW" BM115,178; U27R3@D27" 460 FOR X=100 TO 160 STEP 60: CI RCLE(X,183),20,,.5: PAINT(X,185) ,3,2: NEXT 470 LINE(80,188)-(180,192), PRESE T,BF: DRAW"BM85,188;R32C1R30C2R3 480 FOR U=1 TO 5+RND(15): ER=1+R ND (3) 490 Q1=Q: P1=P: P=RND(26): Q=RND (0): CIRCLE(128,125),P,ER,Q: CIR CLE (128, 125) ,P1,1,Q1 500 NEXT U: CIRCLE(128,125),P.1. 510 COLOR 2,1: R1=0: C\$=""! E=RN D(81): IF D=0 THEN 730 520 IF A\$(E)="" THEN 510 530 F=VAL(LEFT\$(A\$(E).2)): G=VAL (RIGHT\$(A\$(E),1)) 540 LINE (91,115) - (169,135) , PSET, B: X=95: Y=120: A\$=A\$(E)+"=": GD SUB 750 550 W\$=INKEY\$: IF W\$=CHR\$(13) TH EN 570 ELSE IF W#="" OR INSTR("1 234567890", W\$) =0 OR R1=2 THEN 55 @ ELSE AS=WS: CS=CS+WS: H1=VAL(C \$): GOSUB 750: R1=R1+1 560 GOTO 550 570 IF H1=F#8 THEN FOR T=1 TO 50 0: NEXT T: GOTO 590 580 GDSUB 810: R1=0: E1=1: C\$="" : GOTO 530 590 LINE (91,115)-(169,135), PRESE T,BF: KL=20+RND(30): CIRCLE(128, 115) ,KL,2,.5,0,.5 600 GH=RND (10): ON GH GOSUB 840, 860,910,970: IF GH>4 THEN FOR T= 1 TO 600: NEXT T 610 CIRCLE(128,115),KL,1,.5,0,.5 620 IF D=74 THEN DRAW"BM15,85; D5 F5E5U5D5G5D6" 630 IF D=67 THEN DRAW"BM15, 103; R 10D12L10U12" 640 IF D=60 THEN DRAW"BM15,118;D 12R10U12" 650 IF D=53 THEN DRAW"BM15,151;" +ZL\$ 660 IF D=46 THEN DRAW"BM15,166;U 12R10D6L10R3F6"

670 IF D=39 THEN DRAW"BM25,181;L 10U6R5L5U6R10"

680 IF D=32 THEN DRAW"BM235,101;

690 IF D=25 THEN DRAW"BM235,123; R10L10U12R10"

700 IF D=18 THEN DRAW"BM235,139; U12D6R10U6D12"

710 IF D=11 THEN DRAW"BM235,154; "+ZL\$

720 IF D=4 THEN DRAW"BM235,169;U 12F6E6D12"

730 IF D=0 THEN DRAW"BM235,185;U 12R10D6L10": GOTO 990

740 IF E1=1 THEN E1=0: GOTO 480 ELSE A\$(E)="": D=D-1: GOTO 480 750 FOR P=1 TO LEN(A\$): Q\$=MID\$( A\$,P,1)

760 K=ASC (Q\$) | IF K=61 OR K=88 O R K>47 AND K<58 THEN 770 ELSE 80

770 IF K=61 THEN GOSUB 220 ELSE
IF K=88 THEN GOSUB 230 ELSE IF K
=48 THEN GOSUB 120 ELSE IF K=49
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780 IF K=54 THEN GOSUB 180 ELSE IF K=55 THEN GOSUB 190 ELSE IF K =56 THEN GOSUB 200 ELSE IF K=57 THEN GOSUB 210 790 GOSUB 240: X=X+12: NEXT P: R ETURN 800 NEXT P: RETURN 810 LINE (91,115) - (169,135) ,PSET, BF 820 COLOR 1,1: X=95: Y=120: A\$=A \$(E)+"="+RIGHT\$(STR\$(F\*G),2): GD SUB 750 830 FOR T=1 TO 1000: NEXT T: LIN E(91,115)-(169,135), PRESET, BF: C OLDR 2,11 RETURN 840 FOR U1=1 TO 5+RND(10): FOR X 1=100 TO 156 STEP 56: PAINT (X1.6 6) RND(2)+2,2: NEXT X1,U1 850 PAINT (100,66),1,2: PAINT (156 ,66),1,2: RETURN 860 FOR HG=1 TO 3+RND (5): C1=RND (2): IF C1=1 THEN L1=79 ELSE L1= 139 870 BET(L1,170)-(L1+56,192),Z 880 FOR J1=170 TO 170-(RND(8)#2) STEP -2: GOSUB 900: NEXT J1 890 FOR J1=J1 TO 170 STEP 2: GOS UB 700: NEXT J1, HG: RETURN 900 PUT(L1,J1)-(L1+56,J1+22),Z: RETURN 910 GET(205,50)-(230,80),Z 920 FOR J1=50 TO 30 STEP -1: GOS UB 960: NEXT J1 930 FOR T=1 TO 5+RND(10): P=3+RN D(10): P\$=RIGHT\$(STR\$(P),1): PL\$ ="E"+P\$+"F"+P\$: PL\$=PL\$+PL\$+PL\$: CO\$=STR\$(1+RND(3)) 940 Fs=": BM217,52;": DRAW "C"+CO \$+F\$+PL\$: FOR T1=1 TO 100: NEXT T1: DRAW"C1"+F\$+PL\$: NEXT T 950 FOR J1=30 TO 50: GOSUB 960: NEXT J1: COLOR 2,1: RETURN 960 PUT (205, J1) - (230, J1+30), Z: R ETURN 970 FOR WR=1 TO RND(5) +2: IF WR/ 2=INT(WR/2) THEN T1=1: T2=2 ELSE T1=2: T2=1 980 CIRCLE(100,73),5,T2: CIRCLE( 113,70),5,T1: CIRCLE(156,73),5,T 2: CIRCLE(145,70),5,T1: FOR YT=1 TO 10: NEXT YT, WR: RETURN 990 FOR X=85 TO 115: CIRCLE(128. X),40,4,.5,0,.5: NEXT X

1000 FOR X=105 TO 113: CIRCLE(12

1010 GH=RND (4): ON GH GOSUB 840.

8,X),32,1,.4,0,.5: NEXT X

860,910,970: GOTO 1010

1020 END

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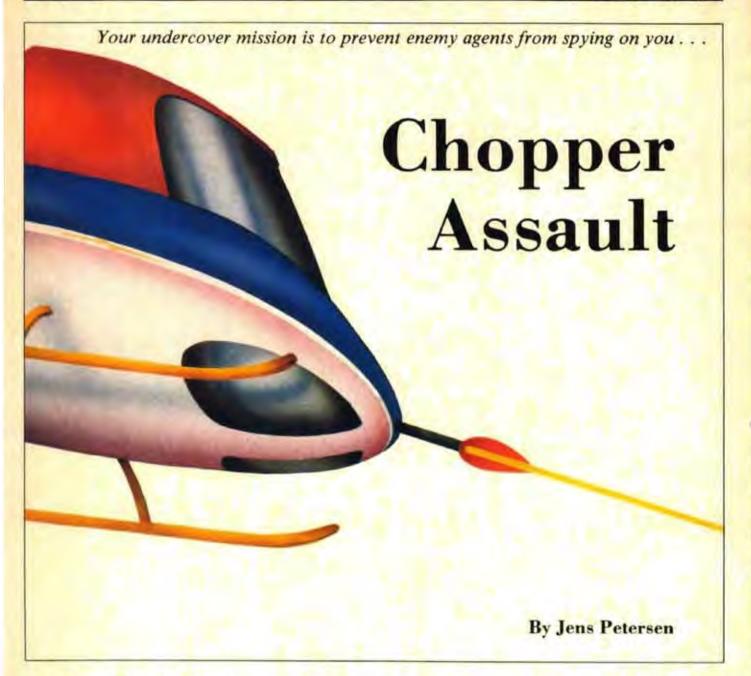
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displays some graphics to show you this, but it can only happen once in your game.

You die if your time runs out, meaning that the enemies have gathered enough information to destroy you. If you're dead, the program goes into text and you see your name and score, and the top three names and scores. Press the firebutton to play again or press 'Q' to quit. (Chopper Assault does not work on a disk-based system.)

If you have any questions about this program, Jens may be reached at 6180 Baffin, Brossard, Quebec, Canada J4Z 2H8, phone (514) 678-4205.

(Jens Petersen is 14 years old and goes to Centennial Regional High School in Brossard, Quebec. He likes to bike, swim, fish and compute on his CoCo.)

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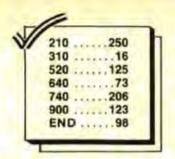
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20 'JENS PETERSEN
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30 ·*****************
40 POKE65495.0
50 CLEAR300: DIMH(18), J(18), EX(10
60 A$ (0) = "BDER2FD4GL2HU4": A$ (1) =
"BD6BR2RNRU6G": A$(2) = "BDER2FDGL2
GD2R4": A$ (3) = "BDER2FDGNLFDGL2H":
A$ (4) = "BR4ND6G3R4": A$ (5) = "BRNR4D
3ER2FD2GL2H": A$ (6) = "BRNR3GD4FR2E
UHL2": A$ (7) = "R4G3D3"
70 A$(B) = "BRR2FDGFDGL2HUEHUE": A$
(9)="BD6R2EU4HL2GDFR2"
80 GOSUB780: SC=0
90 GOTO210
100 T$=STR$(SC)
110 COLOR5.0: LINE (104,3) - (D,13) .
PSET, BF
120 D=106
130 FORT=2TOLEN(T$)
140 E$=MID$ (T$,T,1)
150 E=VAL (E$)
160 DRAW"COBM"+STR$(D)+",5"+A$(E
170 D=D+7
180 NEXT
190 COLOR5,0
200 RETURN
210 PMODE2,1:COLOR0,5:PCLS:SCREE
N1.1
220 D$="NR5D1@R5BU1@BR3D1@U5R5NU
5D5BU1@BR3D1@R5U1@L5BR8ND1@R5D5L
5BRBBU5ND1@R5D5L5BRBBU5NR5D5NR3D
5R5BU1ØBR3ND1ØR5D5L5RF4D": DRAW"B
M92.30"+D$
230 DR$="ND10R5D5NL5D5BR8BU10L5D
5R5D5L5BR12BU1@L3D5R3D5L3BR8U1@R
3D5NL3D5BR4NU1@R5U1@BR4D1@R3BR6U
10NL2R2": DRAW"BM92,44"+DR$
240 DRAW"BM20,120D10R5U5L5BR8D5R
5NU5D5BR12R5D1@G2L3H2BR11BU1@NR4
D6NR3D6R4BU12BR4ND12F6ND6U6BR4NR
4D6R4D6NL4BR12BU12ND12R4D6NL4BU6
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R6NR4D6NR2D6R4BU12BR4ND12R4D6L4R
1F3D3BU12BR4NR4D6R4D6NL4BU12BR4N
R4D6NR2D6R4BU12BR4ND12F6ND6U6
250 DRAW"BM160.150D2BR4BU2R4D12L
4U6NR4U6BRBD6R4NU4D6"
260 P=PEEK (65280): IFP=2540RP=126
THEN27ØELSE26Ø
270 PMODE4.1:PCLS:SCREEN1.1:COLO
R5.0: FORCF=1TO2: Q1=127: Q2=96: Q3=
96: FORT=127TOØSTEP-3: Q1=Q1+3: Q2=
Q2+2.2:Q3=Q3-2.2:LINE(T,Q3)-(Q1,
Q2) , PSET, B: NEXT: COLORØ, Ø: NEXT: CO
LORS. Ø
280 PMODEO,1:SCREEN1,1
290 PMODE4.1:PCLS
300 DRAW"BM50.50R4NR4D2LG2FR4EH2
":PAINT (53,54),5,5
310 GET (50,50) - (58,55) ,H.G: GET (1
00,100)-(108,105),J.G:PCLS:FORX=
1T020: PSET (RND (10) +100, RND (10) +1
50.5): NEXT: GET (100,150) - (110,160
) .EX.G
320 PCLS: SCREEN1,1
330 V1=RND(191): V=RND(255): 01=10
0: D2=100: EM=200: AS=127: SD=96: DS=
96
340 LINE (0,0) - (255,16) ,PSET, BF
350 COLORO,1
360 A=0:B=0
370 FORT=1T02
380 A=A+1:B=B+1
390 DRAW"BM"+STR$(A)+","+STR$(B)
+D$
400 NEXT
410 A=200: B=0: FORT=1T02: A=A+1: B=
B+1: DRAW"BM"+STR$ (A) +", "+STR$ (B)
+DR$: NEXT
420 D=104:GOSUB100
430 SCREEN1,1
440 X=RND(5)+2:X1=RND(5)+2
450 EM=EM-F3
460 IFEM<5THEN760ELSELINE (200,14
)-(EM, 14), PRESET
470 JH=JOYSTK(0): JV=JOYSTK(1)
480 WE=JH+255/63
490 EW=JV*191/63+16+5
500 IFWE<5THENWE=5ELSEIFWE>250TH
ENWE=250
510 IFEW>191THENEW=191ELSEIFEW<1
9+5THENEW=19+5
520 LINE (AS-5,SD-5) - (AS+5,SD+5).
PRESET.B
530 LINE (0,SD) - (8,SD) , PRESET: LIN
E(255,DS)-(247,DS),PRESET:LINE(0
,EW) - (8,EW) , PSET: SD=EW: LINE (255,
EW) - (247, EW) , PSET: DS=EW
540 LINE (AS, 17) - (AS, 22) , PRESET: L
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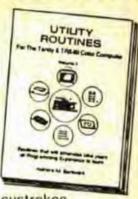
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550 LINE (WE-5, EW-5) - (WE+5, EW+5). PSET.B

560 P=PEEK (65280): IFP=1260RP=254 GOSUB640

570 RN=RND(20): IFRN=1THENX1=-X1: PLAY"L255V3101:CD" ELSE IF RN=2T HENX =- X: PLAY "L255V3101: CD"

580 IFX4=>5THENFORT=1T07STEP2:CI RCLE (V+4, V1+3), T: NEXT: FORT=1T07S TEP2: CIRCLE (V+4, V1+3) . T. Ø: NEXT: V =RND(255):V1=RND(191):PLAY"L5005 DGDGDGDGD": X4=Ø

590 V=V+X: IFV>247THENV=7ELSEIFV< 7THENV=247

600 V1=V1+X1: IFV1>185THENV1=24EL SEIFV1<24THENV1=185

610 PUT(01,02)-(01+8,02+5),J.PSE T:PUT(V,V1)-(V+8,V1+5),H,PSET:01 =V: 02=V1

620 IFINKEYS="Q"THEN910

630 GOTO450

640 PRESET (WE,EW): PUT (V,V1) - (V+8 .V1+5), H. PSET: PH=PPDINT (WE.EW):L INE (WE, 22) - (WE, 185) , PSET: LINE (10 .EW) - (245, EW) , PSET: LINE (WE, 22) - (

WE, 185), PRESET: LINE (10, EW) - (245. EW) .PRESET: PLAY"L255V3101:12:11: 10:9:8"

650 IFPH<>0THEN660ELSEEM=EM-5: X4 =X4+1:RETURN

660 PUT (WE-5, EW-5) - (WE+5, EW+5) . E X.PSET

670 DRAW"COBM72.3D4ND4R4NU4D4BR3 NU8BR4UBNL2R2BR3D5BD2D"

680 PLAY"L30V3101:12:1:12:1:12:1 : 12: 1: L25501: 4: 3: 2: 1: 4: 3: 2: 1: 4: 3 12:1:4:3:2:1:4:3:2:1:4:3:2:1:4:3 : 2:1:4:3:2:1":PUT (WE-5,EW-5) - (WE +5,EW+5),J,PSET

690 SC=SC+EM: GOSUB100: EM=200 700 LINE (200,14) - (0,14) . PSET

710 V=RND(255):V1=RND(191):IFSGN (X) = -1THENX=RND(5) + 2ELSEX=(RND(5))+2)\*-1

720 IFSGN(X1)=-1THENX1=RND(5)+2E LSEX1 = (RND(5) + 2) \*-1

730 IFSC>SC(1) THENIFGP<>1THENCO LOR5.0:FORCF=1TO2:Q1=127:Q2=104: Q3=104: FORT=127T00STEP-3: Q1=Q1+3 :Q2=Q2+2:Q3=Q3-2:LINE(T,Q3)-(Q1. Q2) .PSET, B: NEXTT: COLORØ, Ø: NEXT: C OLORS, Ø: GP=1

740 DRAW"C5BM72,3D4ND4R4NU4D4BR3

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880 INPUTNAS: IFNAS=""THENB60 890 POKE282.1 900 U7=VAL (A\$)+2:F3=VAL (A\$):RETU 910 CLS 920 PRINT@64+11, "GAME OVER" 930 PRINT@0, ""; : PRINTTAB(8) "CHOP PER ASSAULT" 940 IFSC>SC(1) THENSC(3)=SC(2):NA \$(3)=NA\$(2):SC(2)=SC(1):NA\$(2)=N A\$(1):SC(1)=SC:NA\$(1)=NA\$ 950 IFSC<SC(1)ANDSC>SC(2)THENSC( 3) =SC(2):NA\$(3)=NA\$(2):SC(2)=SC: NA\$ (2) = NA\$ 960 IFSC<SC(2) ANDSC>SC(3) THENSC( 3)=SC: NA\$ (3)=NA\$ 970 PRINT@128+11.SC: NA\$: 980 PRINT@192+10."HIGH SCORES" 990 PRINT@256+10,5C(1); NA\$(1); 1000 PRINT@288+10.SC(2):NA\$(2): 1010 PRINT@320+10,SC(3):NA\$(3): 1020 FORT=1024T01535: Z=PEEK(T): I FZ>63THENPOKET, Z-64 1030 PLAY"L255V3104:D":NEXT 1040 P=PEEK (65280): IFP=1260RP=25 4THENBOELSEIFINKEY = "Q"THEN1050E LSE 1040 1050 CLS: CLEAR: POKE65494,0

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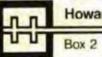
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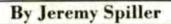


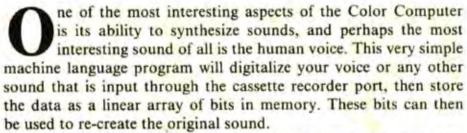


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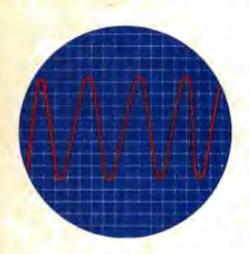




All sounds are simply "vibrations" of the air, or more precisely, variations in air pressure. They amount to "peaks" of high pressure followed by "valleys" of low pressure. How closely the peaks are spaced (frequency), and how high the peaks are (amplitude) determine the nature of the sound.

A loudspeaker makes sounds by re-creating the same variations in air pressure as the voice or instrument that created them in the first place. The original sound is first translated to electrical voltage vibrations. The loudspeaker responds to higher voltages by pushing its diaphragm farther out, and to lower voltages by allowing the diaphragm to fall back inward again. As the diaphragm vibrates, it pushes on the surrounding air reproducing the original sound. Of course, these vibrations are extremely fast, but your CoCo is even faster.

The Color Computer is able to synthesize sounds because it can manipulate the voltage output to the loudspeaker about as quickly as the original sound produced its vibrations in the air. It does this by manipulating numbers with lightning speed, and those numbers are simply ones and zeros. The high pressure "peaks" can be thought of as ones, and the low pressure "valleys" correspond





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to zeros. While this is an oversimplification of the physics of sound, it is still a fairly accurate assessment, and one can begin to see how a computer can create sounds from simple data.

With the right combination of ones and zeros, you can fabricate any sound you want to, including the sound of your own voice. But first, you must somehow change your voice into the correct series of ones and zeros. This process is called "digitalizing," and the program that does it is called an "analog-to-digital converter." It converts your voice, which is an analog (continuous) signal, into digital data by sampling it at regular intervals.

This data may then be stored in the computer's memory, and using a different program, it may then be retrieved and used to re-create the original sound. While BASIC may appear fast, it is not fast enough to sample the analog signal with any precision. On the other hand, the CoCo's 6809 microprocessor can move fast enough to do the job, but you must talk to it directly - through a machine language program.

A complete listing of the assembled program is provided. Note that it is composed of three separate programs strung together. The first program digitalizes the tape recorder input and stores the input in memory as a continuous string of bits. The second program retrieves these bits and outputs them to the television loudspeaker. The third program is actually executed first and allows the user to adjust the recorder volume for the best fidelity possible. By using this option you are assured of the clearest possible digital array of stored bits.

#### How to Use the Program

First, key in and run the basic driver. The data statements contain the assembled object code that comprises the ML program. (Note that each number corresponds to a two-digit Hex number in the second and third columns of the assembly.)

Next, prepare a tape for digitalizing by speaking in a normal voice into the microphone. Speak slowly, loudly and enunciate clearly. Next, be sure the correct jack is connected to the earphone plug of the recorder, and that the other end of the cord is connected to the cassette port on the back of the recorder.

Press 'I' at the menu and press Play on the recorder. Turn up the volume on your TV. The sound you hear is being processed in a way similar to the way it will be processed during digitalization and playback. Adjust the volume on your recorder so your words are as clear as they can be, and the space between them as dead as possible. In order to break out of this mode, you must press the Reset button. You will have to rerun the basic driver once you break out of the volume check mode.

Now you are ready to digitalize your voice. Prepare the tape so it is at the exact beginning of the sounds you wish to store in memory. Only the first 13 or so seconds of input will be stored, so be sure your tape is within one or two seconds of the signal you prepared earlier. Press the Play button on the recorder. If the remote pause jack is in place, the motor will not start until you are ready to begin. Press '2' and

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ENTER at the menu. Press ENTER again and the digitalizing routine will begin. The motor starts and stops automatically. When the analog to digital program is finished, the basic driver tells you so.

Now, to reassemble the data into sound, press '3' at the menu. A prompt will request a delay number. The default value is six. By varying this number, you may vary the speed and pitch of the playback. You may play it back as many times as you wish by pressing '3' again and again.

The quality of the data is affected by the volume of the recorder during the digitalization segment, so you may be able to improve on the quality of the sound by going back and redatalizing at a different volume.

#### How the Program Works

If you wish to understand the workings of the program, please consult the assembly listing. While the purpose of this article is not to teach assembly language programming, I will try to give a reasonable explanation of how the data is input into the machine, how it is stored in memory, and how it is then

utilized to reproduce the sound. In order to understand computer sound synthesis, you first must understand the mysteries of magic memory-location FF20.

FF20 is located in the last 256 bytes at the top of ROM which is reserved for input/output functions. While it looks to the microprocessor like any other memory byte, it is in reality "superbyte." While disguised as a mildmannered ordinary byte, it is really responsible for communication with the cassette port, the printer and the loudspeaker of our TV. (And that's only while the computer is operating. Who knows what it does at night while we're asleep!)

FF20 has eight bits (numbered '0' to '7') like any other byte. Bit zero, located farthest to the right, is solely responsible for all input and output to and from the cassette port. Its main function is to send and receive binary information to and from the computer from cassette tape. It was designed for use with signals that are already digitalized (i.e., tape saves of programs), however, it does respond to any other noises that come through the cassette port, including

If the volume on the cassette recorder is correct, it produces a reasonable representation of most sounds in ones and zeros. The analog-to-digital converter collects the ones and zeros and stores them, one by one, in memory. It begins by defining the first memory location designated for storage of data as & H2500 in Line 110.

Line 120 resets all bits in FF20 to zeros. Line 130 sets the count to eight, the number of bits in each byte. Lines 150 to 170 are simply a timing loop. They make the computer count to six between bits. Location &H790B contains the number six. By poking other numbers into this location, you can get the computer to wait for a longer or shorter time between storing bits. Changing this number changes both the length of tape digitalized and the quality of the sound in the reproduction.

Remember that while all this is going on, bit zero is changing back and forth between zeros and ones in response to the input from the tape recorder. Lines 172 and 174 are the real "meat" in this program - 172 does an LSR (Logical Shift Right) of Location FF20. This shifts all the bits in FF20 one place to the right. In other words, bit seven is moved over into the position of bit six, bit six is moved over to the position



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of bit five and so on, right down to bit zero, which appears to fall off the right end into oblivion.

Actually, this bit is saved in a special location called "the carry" which is one bit in a special register called the "condition codes." This is most fortunate because bit zero, now saved in the carry, contains the information we are interested in storing in memory.

Now that we have the bit stored in the carry, we want to store it some place in memory. Line 174 does this with an ROLA. A register is a memory location within the microprocessor itself used for the temporary storage of numbers. The 'A' register is an eight-bit register, just like any memory location. "ROLA" means Rotate the 'A' register one bit to the left. This is something like a Logical Shift Left, except that all bits are shifted to the left, the leftmost bit (bit seven) goes into the carry, and the bit that was in the carry before now becomes the new bit zero in the 'A' register.

If this process were repeated continuously, you would see the bits marching to the left, circling around through the carry and back again into register 'A' from right to left. A single cycle of this has now put the contents of the carry into the 'A' register in the position of bit zero.

This process will be repeated a total of eight times, each repetition shifting the important bit zero out of FF20 into the carry, and then rotating it into register 'A.' Each rotation carries the previously rotated bits in register 'A' one more place to the left until the first one rotated in now occupies the position of bit seven.

Line 190 subtracts one from the "8 count" (remember Line 130), and Line 200 sends the microprocessor back to Line 150 for another rotation if it has not filled the 'A' register with eight bits of data from FF20. If Register 'A' is now full of the input data, Line 210 then stores it in the memory location &H2500 (The 'X' register still is "pointing to" &H2500 from Line 110), then increments the pointer by one (the 'X' register now holds the number &H2501).

The entire cycle is repeated until all memory locations from &H2500 to &H7900 are filled with data. Line 220 checks to see if the data has reached the top of RAM. If it has not, Line 230 sends the microprocessor back to Line 130, otherwise Line 240 returns control to BASIC.

Lines 280 to 480 work in a similar

way to retrieve the stored data. In order to hook FF20 to the TV loudspeaker, a few other "adjustments" must be made in other ROM locations. These adjustments are made in a subroutine named "sound" and that subroutine is called in Line 280. The microprocessor then follows the instructions in lines 600 to 680 and then returns to Line 365.

The mechanics of the sound routine are not important to an understanding of this program. What is important is an understanding of how FF20 controls the output voltage to the loudspeaker. Once enabled by the sound routine, the six most significant (i.e., leftmost) bits in FF20 are now available to hold binary numbers from zero to 63. Each number represents a voltage between zero (represented by zeros in all six bits) and -5 volts (represented by ones in all six bits [63 decimal]).

Any number stored in these six bits is immediately translated into a voltage at the loudspeaker. The trick is now to get the bits out of memory and into the left end of FF20. This is accomplished by once again loading the pointer with the location of the first byte in memory (Line 365) and loading register 'A' with the contents of \$H2500 (Line 370).

(Note that the pointer is incremented at this point instead of later on as was the case in the digitalizing program.)

Line 380 again sets the count to eight. This time, however, the 'A' register is shifted left instead of to the right. This pushes the most significant bit into the carry. Line 400 now rotates FF20 to the right which pushes our data bit from the carry into position seven in FF20. This causes an immediate change in the voltage output to the loudspeaker. Again, the process is carried out eight times until all eight bits from memory have been rotated into FF20.

Line 470 now sends us back to Line 370 where register 'A' picks up the next byte and rotates that into FF20, and so on until all the data to the top of RAM is used up.

The Volume Check Routine is easy to understand. It also makes use of the sound enable subroutine and then simply rotates bit zero of FF20 through the carry and into bit seven which controls the loudspeaker.

#### Playing with the Binary Program

Once you have loaded the machine language program in high RAM, you can discard the BASIC program that poked it in by typing NEW and then fabricate your own programs that manipulate the timing loops or change the origin of the data array.

Remember that &H790B contains a six, but that you can speed up or slow down the program by poking different numbers here. Smaller numbers will give a higher quality sound, but a shorter real-time recording. The playback segment also has a timing loop, and location &H792F also contains a six. The basic driver has a provision to manipulate this number, but you can do the same thing by poking any number into &H792F.

Since the machine language programs Scan stand alone, it is possible to include them as a "talking subroutine" in your BASIC programs. Patch 1, or the digitalizing routine, is a complete program and will stand alone without Patch 2 or Patch 3. Patch 2 is the playback routine; it requires that Patch 3, which includes the sound enable subroutine, be included with it.

These programs are not relocatable, but if you want to use the playback routine alone without the A/D converter, you can do it as long as you remember to poke Patch 2 beginning at &H791F, followed by Patch 3 ending at &H795C. Remember to protect these routines along with your digitalized data with CLEAR 200,&H\*\*\*\*. The asterisks, of course, stand for a number. This number should be one lower than the first byte used to store your digital data. To set this address, consult the summary of key pokes.

#### Summary of POKEs and EXEC Addresses

&H7900 — EXEC address of A/D converter

&H791F — EXEC address of playback segment

&H793D — EXEC address of volume check routine

&H7901:&H7902 and

&H7922:&H7923 — Contain the address of first byte of data array

&H790B — A/D converter timing loop. Default=6

&H792F — Playback timing loop, Default=6

(Anyone having questions about these programs may contact Jeremy at RFD #1, Shirley, MA 01464, phone (617) 448-2681.)

.....224 130 . Listing 1: A-D DRVR END .....12 Ø CLS: PMODEØ: GOTO 350 10 CLEAR200, &H24FF 15 'PATCH 1 20 DATA BE.25,00,7F.FF.20,C6,08, 10.8E.00.06.31.3F.26.FC.74.FF.20 ,49,5A,26,F1,A7,80,8C,79,00,25,E 8,39 25 'PATCH 2 30 DATA BD.23.8E.25.00.A6.80.C6. 08,48,76,FF,20,10,8E,00,04,31,3F ,26,FC,5A,26,F1,BC,79,00,25,EB,3 35 'PATCH 3 40 DATA BD. 05.76.FF. 20, 20, FB. B6. FF.01.84,F7.87,FF,01.86,FF,03.84 .F7, B7, FF, 03, B6, FF, 23, BA, 08, B7, F F.23,39 50 FOR X=&H7900 TO &H791E:READ A \$: A=VAL ("&H"+A\$) : P1=P1+A: POKE X. A: NEXT 60 FOR X=&H791F TO &H793C: READ A \$: A=VAL ("&H"+A\$): P2=P2+A: POKE X. A: NEXT 70 FOR X=&H793D TO &H795C: READ A \$: A=VAL ("&H"+A\$): P3=P3+A: POKE X. A: NEXT BØ IF P1<>3092THENPRINT"ERROR IN PATCH 1":E=1 90 IF P2<>2852THENPRINT"ERROR IN PATCH 2": E=1 100 IF P3<>4498THENPRINT"ERROR I N PATCH 3": E=1 110 IF E=1 THEN STOP 120 CLS 130 PRINT" ANALOG TO DIGITAL CO NVERTER" 140 PRINT" BY JEREMY SPILLE R" 150 PRINT 160 PRINT"1. TEST VOLUME OF TAPE RECORDER" 170 PRINT"2. READ TAPE (DIGITALI ZE) " 180 PRINT"3. SAY DATA (PLAYBACK) 190 PRINT 200 INPUT" PICK A NUMBER": A 210 ON A GOTO 230,280,310 220 GOTO 120 230 CLS 240 PRINT"TO GET BACK TO MENU PR ESS RESET THEN RUN THIS PROGRAM. 250 PRINT 260 PRINT"SET YOUR TAPE RECORDER TO THE CORRECT VOLUME"

270 MOTORON: EXEC &H793D 280 CLS: INPUT"ENTER TO RECORD": A : MOTORON: CLS 290 PRINT"READING TAPE": EXEC &H7 900: MOTOROFF 300 GOTO 120 310 CLS: INPUT"TYPE A NUMBER 1-15 TO CONTROL THE SPEED. ENTER DR 6 = DE-FAULT" SI IF S=0 TH EN 8=6 320 IF S>15 THEN 310 330 CLS: PRINT"SAYING": POKE &H792 F.S: EXEC &H791F 340 GOTO 120 350 PCLEAR1: GOTO10

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7908 108E		00150		LDY	#6
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790E 26	FC	00170		BNE	TIMEZ
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7935 26	F1	00450		BNE	SOUND2
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7947 84	27	00610		ANDA	#SF7
7949 87	FF01	00620		STA	SFF01
794C B6	FF03	00630		LDA	5PF03
794F 84	27	00640		ANDA	#SF7
7951 B7	FP03	00650		STA	5PF03
7954 B6	FF23	00660		LDA	5FF23
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Simplifying Use of the SOUND

By William R. White

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o you love computer music, but hate entering long command lines? Frustrated because you can't use your hard-learned music lessons? Still using your 4K or nonextended machine?

If so, cheer up fellow programmers, this article is for you! If adding music to enliven a program appeals to you, read on.

When you first got your CoCo and excitedly began Getting Started With Color BASIC, one of the first places you probably "stalled" was the SOUND chapter. Admit it! We all did. Creating sounds (music, if you prefer) is fun! But soon the drudgery of SOUND, "tone" and "duration" wore out the fingers and the SOUND command was put on the back shelf.

Listing I is the BASIC program for "Happy Birthday." It contains the traditional SOUND commands. Listing I works very well, if you don't mind entering individual command lines and constantly referring to the musical tones appendix. However, I suspect that none of us wants the extra effort of repeatedly turning to a reference page.

Let's put some of the RAM memory power to work! Listing 2 contains the same program, this time with the tone values given as simple numeric variables and neatly tucked away in memory. Once they have been defined (lines 100-110) the tone value can be called by use of its label (a letter). Time values are stored (Line 120) and called to use by their proper label (letter). Using this method, the note lengths in the entire song can be quickly changed by reassigning values of time variables. Try that with your PLBY command!

Once these numeric variables have been defined, a valid command line is "SOUND letter, letter" (i.e., SOUND C.Z). You have already saved keystrokes, your memory and there are no numbers to remember! Now you are free to concentrate on the music, not on a reference page.

Another method of accomplishing the same end is shown in Listing 3. DATA statements are composed of note values followed by the time value. When this information has been written into DATA, it is read in the same sequence and executed by one (that's right, just one) SDUND statement. Again our efforts are

(William White has taught junior high school science for 20 years. His hobbies include amateur radio, photography and "CoCo-ing." This is his first year of teaching computer literacy and his first published article.) conserved by using the power and efforts of the mighty Coco.

Entering either listing I or 2 requires the use of 25 SOUND statements. By using Listing 3 SOUND is entered just once and made to repeat by the FOR NEXT loop. This saves keystrokes, memory and needless repetition.

Our objective at the outset was to simplify the use of the SOUND command. One method shown does this by defining tone numbers as variables. The other eliminates the need to repeatedly enter the SOUND statement.

For you who have worn out (or thrown out) the "Appendix of Musical Tones," the octave of Middle C is as follows: Middle C=89, D=108, E=125, F=133, F#=140, G=147, A=159, B=170, B=165 and Cl=176.

There you have it! Dust off the old music books, do your thing, call in the family and have a sing-a-long. After all, computers are fun!

#### Listing 1: BRTHDAY1 70 10 PROGRAM LISTING 1 80 CLS (3) 20 \*\*\*\* 90 PRINT" PLAYING HAPPY BIRTHD 30 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY AY" 0 '\* USING SOUND TONE, DURATION 100 C=89: D=108: E=125: F=133: G=147 '# NOV. , 1984 W. WHITE 110 A=159:B=170: B1=165: C1=176 120 X=4: Y=8: Z=16 70 ' 130 SOUND C.X : SOUND C.X : SOUN D D.Y : SOUND C.Y : SOUND F.Y : 30 CLS PØ PRINT" PLAYING HAPPY BIRT SOUND E,Z DAY" 140 SOUND C.X : SOUND C.X : SOUN 100 SOUND 89,4 D D,Y : SOUND C,Y : SOUND G,Y : SOUND F.Z 110 SOUND 89,4 150 SOUND C.X : SOUND C.X : SOUN 120 SOUND 108.8 D C1,Y : SOUND A,Y : SOUND F,Y : 130 SOUND 89.8 SOUND E,Y : SOUND D,Y : SOUND B 140 SOUND 133,8 150 SOUND 125,16 1,X : SOUND B1,X 160 SOUND A,Y : SOUND F,Y : SOUN 160 SOUND 89,4 170 SOUND 89,4 D G.Y : SOUND F.Y 170 END 180 SOUND 108.8 190 SOUND 89,8 Listing 3: BRTHDAY3 200 SOUND 147,8 210 SOUND 133,16 PROGRAM LISTING 3 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 20 220 SOUND 89,4 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' 30 230 SOUND 89.4 \* PLAY USING DATA STATEMENTS 240 SOUND 176,8 250 SOUND 159.8 \* NOV., 1984 W. WHITE 260 SOUND 133,8 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 70 270 SOUND 125,8 80 CLS (3) 280 SOUND 108,8 290 SOUND 165,4 90 PRINT" PLAYING HAPPY BIRTHD 300 SOUND 165,4 AY" 100 DATA 89,4,89,4,108,8,89,8,13 310 SOUND 159.8 320 SOUND 133,8 3,8,125,16 110 DATA 89,4,89,4,108,8,89,8,14 330 SOUND 147,8 340 SOUND 133.8 7,8,133,16 350 END 120 DATA 89,4,89,4,176,8,159,8,1 33,8,125,8,108,8 Listing 2: BRTHDAY2 130 DATA 165,4,165,4,159,8,133,8 10 PROGRAM LISTING 2 ,147,8,133,8 140 FOR R=1 TO 25 30 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' 150 READ S.T 40 \* USING DEFINED VARIABLES 160 SOUND S,T '\* NOV. , 1984 W. WHITE 170 NEXT 180 END



# A Serendipitous Learning Experience

By Steve Blyn Rainbow Contributing Editor

Sometimes it is important to present students with an educational program that is mostly for fun. Entertainment remains one of the primary reasons many of us bought computers in the first place. This month's program attempts to combine learning with fun.

Although it is loosely intended as a language arts program, there is really no definite learning that is expected from this program. Many incidental learnings, however, may occur that we are not always aware of at the moment.

Incidental learning is learning that is not necessarily designed to happen, but rather occurs as a side effect of the experience. Typing in computer programs from magazines, for example, often produces the incidental learning of the keyboard. Another example might be shopping with your family in a department store. This may produce incidental learning about using money, travel training, reading signs and a host of others.

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The game we are doing this month is a code breaker. The alphabet is written on the screen with a number next to each letter. Next to the letter 'A' is a '1,' next to 'B' is a '2,' and so on down to the letter 'Z' with a "26" next to it. This represents a simple code. Each letter may be associated with a different number. The numbers, of course, range from I to 26 to represent each of the letters.

A word should be entered by someone other than the player; this is a good two-player game. The computer will show the child the word in code and the child's job is to decode the secret word. For example, if someone types in the word COCD, the program will convert it into "3 - 15 - 3 - 15." The player must use the chart or his/her memory of the alphabetical order to decode the word back again to its original form.

This game may be played on two levels. You may either choose to have the code visible or invisible while you are decoding. If you choose to hide the code, you will have to review the alphabetical order mentally several times to figure out the word. This is much more difficult, of course, than leaving the code in view.

Younger players will most probably

need the code visible at all times. Older players will no doubt hide the code each round. Middle-of-the-road learners will probably combine the two and benefit the most from this program; they can constantly be learning and reviewing the alphabetical order while playing the game.

Lines 400-430 draw the code. Line 450 will hide the code if that option is selected. Lines 120-140 present the option of hiding the code.

An easy possibility for altering this program is to present the letters and numbers in reverse order. The letter 'A' could be equivalent to 26, 'B' to 25, and so on to 'Z' equal to one. This would make the code slightly more difficult and the program more challenging. Two lines must be altered to accomplish this switch.

First, change Line 250 from PRINT ASC(L\$)-64;

to

PRINT ASC(L\$)-91;

Secondly, change the portion of Line 410 which reads

A\$(R)

to

A\$[27-R]

These two changes will reverse the

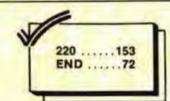
position of the numbers. You may get more daring and devise your own schemes to further mix up the numbers, if you desire.

The partner types in the letters of the mystery word on lines 160-210. The computer converts these letters into

numbers on lines 220-270. The player then guesses the secret word. If incorrect, the right answer will be displayed by Line 320.

We meant no pressure to be on the student in this program. For this reason, we included no time limit or

report card. The game can be ended after each round by pressing 'E' or continued with more examples by pressing 'M.' The game can be played as long as the interest remains. We hope your children have fun as well as incidentally learn at the same time.



The listing: CODEWRDS

10 REM"SECRET CODE WORDS" 20 REM"STEVE BLYN, COMPUTER ISLAN D,NY,1985" 30 DIM N(26), A\$ (26) 40 CLS 50 C\$="" 60 PRINT@10, "SECRET CODES" 70 PRINT@32, STRING\$ (32, 191); 80 FOR A=1TO 26: N(A)=A:NEXTA 90 FORB=1TO 26: A\$ (B) = CHR\$ (64+B): NEXT B

100 GOSUB 390 110 SOUND 200,3

120 PRINT@64," DO YOU WANT TO HI

DE THE CODE?" 130 ENS=INKEYS

140 IF ENS="Y" THEN GOSUB 450 EL

SE IF EN\$="N" THEN 150 ELSE 130 150 SOUND 220,3

160 PRINT@64," TYPE IN YOUR MYST

ERY WORD NOW. " 170 B#=INKEY#

180 IF B\$=CHR\$(13) THEN 220

190 C\$=C\$+B\$

200 IF B\$="" THEN 170

210 GOTO 170

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220 REM"PRINT OUT THE WORD USING NUMBERS"

230 FOR T=1 TO LEN(C\$)

240 L\$=MID\$(C\$,T.1)

250 PRINT ASC (L\$)-64;

260 PRINTCHR\$(B);:PRINT"-";

270 NEXT T

280 PRINT: PRINT" WHAT DO YOU THI

"; NK THE WORD IS

290 INPUT M\$

300 PRINTSTRING\$ (32, ". ");

310 IF MS=CS THEN PRINT"

CORRECT": SOUND180.5

320 IF M\$<>C\$ THEN PRINT"SORRY,T

HE ANSWER IS "; C\$: SOUND10,3

330 PRINTSTRING\$ (32,".");

340 PRINT"PRESS 'M' FOR MORE OR

'E' TO END":

350 ENS=INKEYS

360 IF ENS="E" THEN CLS: END

370 IF EN\$="M" THEN 40

380 GOTO 350

390 PRINT@321,STRING\$ (30,236);

400 REM"PRINT THE CODE"

410 FOR R=1 TO 26:PRINTN(R); CHR\$

(8); "=": A\$ (R); : NEXT R

420 PRINT@481,STRING\$ (30,227):

430 RETURN

440 REM"HIDE THE CODE"

450 PRINT@352,STRING\$(128,143);:

RETURN

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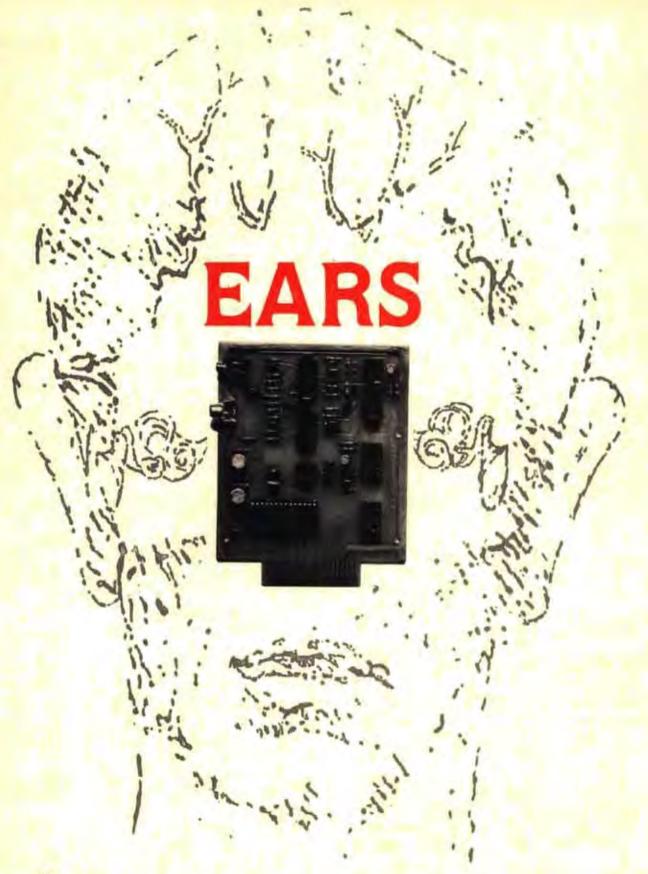
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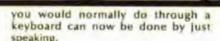
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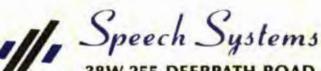






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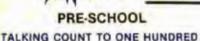


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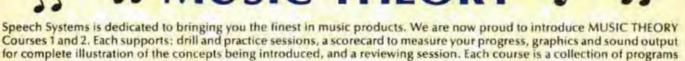
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# New Trends In Educational Computing

By Michael Plog, Ph.D. Rainbow Contributing Editor

Back in April 1982, the Tandy Corporation began a program called "Tandy Educational Grants." The company provides sums of money to educational institutions for research and development of educational uses of computers. Since its beginning, the Tandy Educational Grants program has awarded over \$885,000 worth of hardware and software.

The current "cycle" of awards was made for proposals based on "Using Microcomputers to Develop Thinking Skills." Tandy, of course, has several models of computers in its product line. Four awards were given during the current cycle; one involved the Color Computer.

This award went to Mrs. Margaret Perry of Safety Harbor Middle School, Safety Harbor, Fla. Her project is to establish a model program using computers to aid gifted students in improving their thinking and creative skills. Mrs.

(Michael Plog received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. He has taught social studies in high school, worked in a central office of a school district, and currently is employed at the Illinois State Board of Education.) Perry (and the Safety Harbor school system) received 11 64K Color Computers with monitors and disk drives, a DMP-110 printer, color graphics printer, touch pad and several software packages. (Does that sound like a dream come true?)

At present, we do not know exactly how the hardware and software will be used, or what the curriculum will look like. In the future, we hope to be able to report on the results of this project. The materials and procedures developed in Safety Harbor might be worthwhile to adapt to your local school system.

Possibly, curriculum materials may be developed that you can use at home. Whatever the outcome of the Safety Harbor experience, you should be aware that the Tandy Corporation is taking education seriously, and even providing funds for innovative programs in schools.

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and procedures to use in schools. Since schools are often short of money, outside sources of funds are important to continue development of curriculum to benefit all students in the country.

Even with the reduction of funds for education from the federal government, there are still some programs which help development of educational experiences. The National Diffusion Network is one such program. This program provides funds for innovative programs, then goes the next step. Funds are also provided to help school systems implement the projects that have been judged successful. Several Diffusion projects in past years have dealt with computers in the classroom.

One of the most recent such projects is the Asbury Park Computer Math Program. The goal of this project is to integrate computers into the entire curriculum of grades 9-12, with 18 hours of instruction in each of six subject areas: general mathematics, algebra I and II, geometry, trigonometry and calculus. The emphasis of this project is on mathematics, but other projects have stressed different aspects of the educational arena. You can find out what National Diffusion Network

projects exist by contacting the administration of your local school district.

Another sign of federal involvement in computers for schools is from the National Institute of Education (NIE). This organization has set as one of its priorities for 1986 an investigation into the effective uses of education software and technology. We hope NIE officials are aware of projects similar to the one in Safety Harbor, The report from NIE should be completed in 1986, but interim reports may be released earlier.

One study NIE will probably examine has been conducted by the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs (of the Department of Education). The Office recently released a report on the use of educational technologies in programs dealing with limited English-proficient students. The study was limited to students with a native language other than English.

Computer assistance has long been thought to be helpful for such students. because some students may be in school districts where no one else (teacher, aide, principal) speaks the same language as the student. Computer assisted instruction could help such students

learn English, as well as basic skills in their native language. The study conducted by the Office has several findings. Many of the findings apply to all students, not just those with limited English proficiency.

s might be expected, funding for A computer assisted instruction increased from 1982 to 1984, while funding for audio-visual technologies

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decreased. This is not to imply that schools dealing with limited English proficient (LEP) students are no longer interested in audio-visual technology. Many schools have already purchased this type of equipment, and have no need for more equipment. In a few years, we will probably see less money spent for hardware and more resources used for software.

The study also found that educational technologies can increase the effectiveness of instruction for LEP students. In addition, the study concluded that computer assisted instruction holds a greater educational potential than other technologies, such as audio-visual techniques.

The study also pointed out some concerns for users of computers in the classroom. One finding relates to staff dealing with computer assisted instruction. A lack of planning and staff training have compromised the effectiveness of many CAI programs. As with any educational program, poor staff preparation and poor planning will result in a "hit or miss" outcome.

Positive results are due more to chance than conscious effort. And, many educational computer programs depend on one key person; without that person (the study founder), the project would most likely fail. Again, as with any program, a single individual has difficulty institutionalizing a set of educational experiences.

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recognized by anyone trying to implement computers in schools. The people initiating the computer assisted instruction program often had objectives that were not specific enough for success. We all know people who are so enamored with the equipment that they do not realize its use.

Finally, the study found what most educators have been saying: A lack of instructionally and technically sound software has reduced the effectiveness of CAI for limited English-proficient students. Naturally, the lack of good software is not limited to students with a native language other than English.

This study, while limited in scope and intent, is worthy of study by people interested in computer assisted instruction. While computer assisted instruction is only one component of computer use in schools, it is an important component.

The federal government may even take a more active role in computer education, if Representative Timothy Wirth, a Democrat from Colorado, gets his way. Congressman Wirth will introduce a computer literacy bill in the House of Representatives this year. The

purpose of his bill is to help schools buy microcomputers, train teachers, establish a federal information bank and create a computer consulting service. The proposed legislation covers a broad area of assistance to educational computing.

Last year, Congressman Wirth introduced a similar bill, but it was not passed. He is trying again. Wirth is interested in equity of access. As the nation moves from an industrial to an information economy, Wirth claims, schools must ensure that all children regardless of wealth - have access to computers.

The issue of equity of access of computers is a priority topic for many people. A coalition of Washington computer educators has established SLICE (Support for Leadership in Computer Education). This group is organizing in-service training for local computer instructors with emphasis on equity. This group is working without any government funds, but has a localized area of interest and effect.

Some efforts for computer literacy are state oriented. After this summer

vacation, all schools in Texas will have to begin teaching seventh and eighth graders computer literacy according to standard, state-mandated curriculum, Other states are implementing computer literacy programs, but none that I know of has a state-mandated curriculum.

The column this month has been a collection of news items, notices of happenings and events. If you learn of an event that could benefit other people interested in educational computing. please pass it along to me and I will insert it in the column. Please mail notices to me at 829 Evergreen, Chatham, IL 62629.

Before ending the column for this month, there is one other piece of news it is my personal privilege to share with you. My wife and I were honored with the birth of a daughter. As this is being written, my baby girl is less than one week old. She even helped me write part of the article, lying in my lap, with little fingers reaching for the keyboard.

She does not have her own Color Computer yet, but that will just be a matter of time. She is beautiful, and I even forgave the nurse in the hospital, who thought I was the grandfather.



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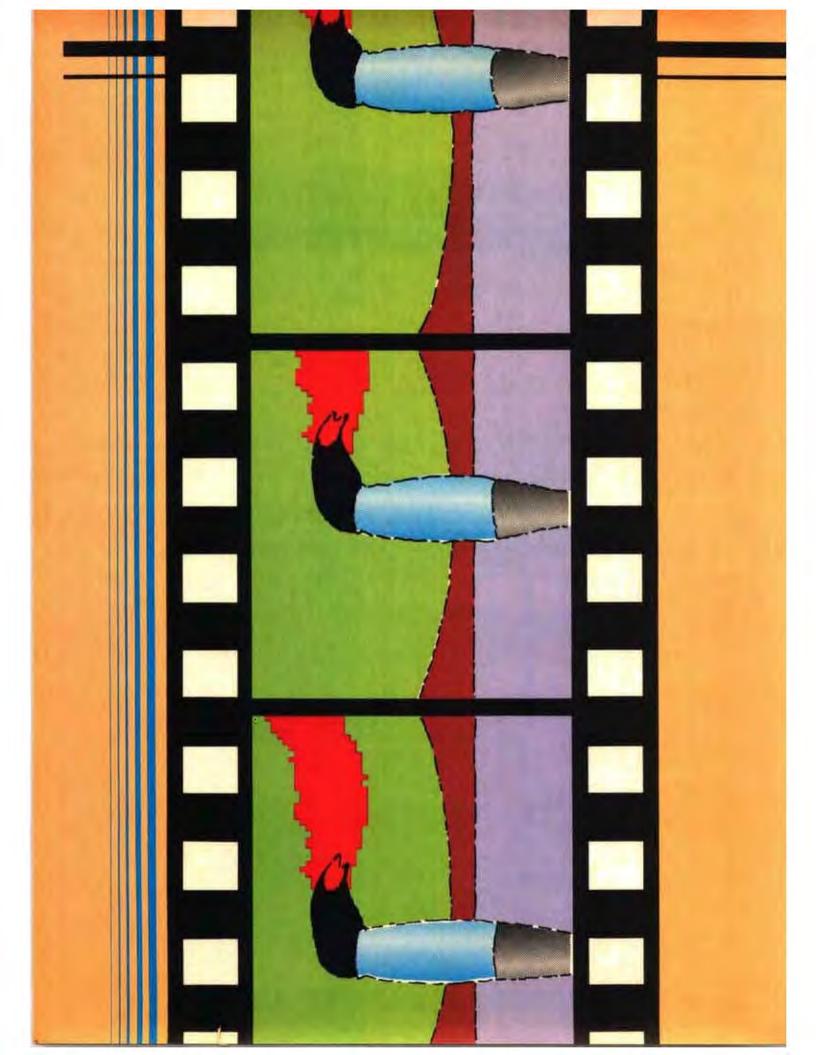
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Ease the unwieldy task of writing animated graphics

# Animatic:

# Automatic Animation

By Rita Sabo

Assembler. With Animatic, the cumbersome process of writing animated graphics is minimized. In addition, when written in Assembler, Animatic will provide smoother and faster animation.

Animatic takes advantage of the fact that most animation programs follow roughly the same logic (save previous screen contents, get object from old position, put object in new position, etc.) and it automatically performs many of these steps.

To access Animatic from BASIC, you will make use of a "new" function called ANIM. The syntax for ANIM is:

X = ANIM(P0,P1,...P7)

'X' is a numeric variable, and P0-P7 are the parameters described in Table I. The variable 'Y' will contain return codes and status information relevant to the selected function.

Depending on the selected function (value of P0), you may not need to specify all of the parameters. Zero is assumed when a parameter value is omitted: Y = ANIM(P0..P2), but if you omit coding double-commas, then the last used value for the missing parameter is used. Example: Y = ANIM(P0.P1..P3) is the same as Y = ANIM(P0.P1..P3), and Y = ANIM(P0.P1) will use the last used values for P2... P7 (if applicable to the function indicated by P0).

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To access Animatic from an Assembler program, you must first obtain the address of the Parameter Area by doing JSR INFO. There you should do a JSR ANIM with the proper parameters in this area. Upon exit, ANIM will set the 'D' register with the relevant operation status.

#### Description of Functions

Following find the description for each of the functions shown in Table I. For an example of a program using these functions, refer to program listings I and 2. Compare program Listing I with the "do-it-yourself #8-I" program of Radio Shack's Going Ahead with Extended BASIC.

#### DEFINE (P0=0)

It must be the first used ANIM function. It defines in P1 the maximum number of figures (a,k,a, objects) to be created in your program.

#### CREATE (P0=1)

A CREATE is required for each of the figures to be moved in your program. The figure will behave according to the values of P2 and P7.

You don't have to specify anything in P1. A sequential number (starting with 1) is assigned to each object as it is being created. Any further reference to this object will use this "object I D" instead of the traditional XY coordinates.

If P2 equals zero, the object will be placed on the screen exactly as it was created. If P2 is not zero, the object will be MIXed with the screen background. MIX is similar to the DR function for PMDDEs 0, 2 and 4. See pictures 1 and 2 for a description of MIX effects in several PMDDEs.

P3 and P4 indicate the XY coordinates of the object's upper-left corner. P5 and P6 indicate the width and height of the figure. P5 and P6 should not exceed 100.

P7 represents the action to be taken in the event that this object is moved to an XY position unfit for the size of the object. (For example: attempting to move an object 20 pixels wide to positions X=244, Y=14.) This condition will, from now on, be referred to as "overflow." With P7 = 0, Animatic will signal an error in overflow.

When P7 = 1, the object will be "frozen" on the nearest possible position on the border of the screen. In our example: X=235, Y=14.

If P7 = 2 the object would disappear in overflow. You can make it reappear by moving it to a legal position.

With P7 = 3, the object will "wraparound," henceforth appearing on the extreme side of the screen (in our example: X=0, Y=14).

Regardless of the P7 selection, you will receive notice of overflows through the status of the operation.

#### MOVE (P0=2)

In P1, specify the number of the object to be moved. P2 represents the criteria for obtaining the new XY coordinates.

P2=0: The object will move to the absolute X-Y values specified in P3 and P4.

P2=1: The movement will be relative to the actual position. The P3 and P4 values will be added to the actual XY coordinates to obtain the destination. P3 and P4 can be negative.

P2=2: The object will move to the absolute XY coordinates pointed out by the left joystick. Because the joystick readings cover a 0-63 range, the 'X'

reading is multiplied by four and the 'Y' reading by three,

P2=3: Same as in P2=2, but using the right joystick.

P3=4: The object has a relative movement with the displacements calculated from the left joystick readings.

The 'X' and 'Y' coordinates are calculated as follows:

X=X0+((XJ-32)\*P3)/8 Y=Y0+((YJ-32)\*P4)/8

Where XO and YO = actual coordinates.

XJ and YJ = X-Y joystick readings.

P3 and P4 = Values given for parameters 3 and 4. These values can be negative. However, the ANIM instruction will only accept negative values in Hex form, i.e., specify &HFF instead of -1.

Using this option, you can move the object with the direction and acceleration represented by the position of the joystick (i.e., P3 = 3 will give the effect of greater accelerations than P3 = 2).

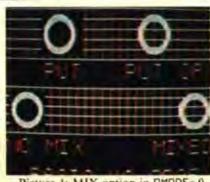
P2=5: Same as in P2=4, but using the right joystick.

P2=6: Animatic will select XY values at random. P3 and P4 represent the maximum random value for 'X' and 'Y.' P5 and P6 will be added to the generated 'X' and 'Y' values, respectively.

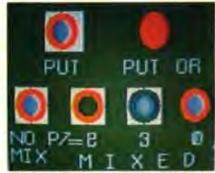
If you specify P3 and P4 = 0, Animatic will use P3=255; P4=191; P5=0; P6=0 as a default.

The random sequence has a period of 256, but Animatic reseeds itself once the period is exhausted by taking the timer value as a seed number. If you are calling Animatic from ML, write an interrupt routine to modify storage addresses \$112-\$113 accordingly.

P3=7: Keyboard controlled movement can be obtained by selecting this option.



Picture 1: MIX option in PMODEs 0, 2 and 4. Top using PUT (with and without OR). Bottom using Animatic.



Picture 2: MIX option in PMODEs 1 and 3. Top using PUT. Bottom using Animatic with several MIX color combinations.

The left/right arrows will generate a relative movement from the value in P4 and the up/down arrows from P5. The values in P4 and P5 should be positive since Animatic already knows the left/up arrows represent a negative displacement.

P2>7: Selecting P2 with a value greater than seven will redisplay the object in the current X-Y location.

P3-P6 as discussed above have different meanings depending on the value of P2.

P7 is used only if the object was CREATEd with MIX. P7 indicates the color to be omitted when the object is being mixed with the screen. P7=0 removes buff/green, P7=1 removes cyan/yellow, P7=2 magenta/blue, and P7=3 orange/red. Refer to Picture 2 for results with different P7 values.

As a result of the MOVE function, the variable at the left of the ANIM instruction will be set as follows:

- 0 = No screen overflow
- 1 = Upper screen overflow
- 2 = Bottom screen overflow

- 4 = Left overflow
- 5 = Upper left corner
- 6 = Bottom left corner
- 8 = Right screen overflow
- 9 = Upper right corner
- 10 = Bottom right corner

ML programs can get these values from 'B' register.

#### PLACE (P0=4)

Unlike MOVE, PLACE does not assume that the object being moved is already on the screen. PLACE is more like PUT as it limits itself to copying object from storage onto the screen. The options for PLACE are exactly the same as these of MOVE.

#### REMOVE (P0=4)

With REMOVE, you simply "swap" the contents of the screen with the contents of storage. This function differs from MOVE (P2>7) in that the object in storage is displayed "as is," whereas MOVE performs internal pixel and mix adjustments. REMOVE is fast and it can be used to simulate blinking.

The figure to be removed is specified in P1.

#### COPY OBJECT (P0=5)

Sometimes you may want to perform a "tricky" effect or simply substitute one object for another. COPY duplicates an object. COPY does not like it when the new object has not been CREATEd, and when the size of the new object is less than the size of the object being copied. Both the object being copied and the new object must have the same MIX or NO-MIX definition.

In P1, specify the destination object. In P2, specify the object being copied.

#### OPERATE (P0=6)

Used to directly modify an object. In P2, specify the operation to be performed upon the object defined in P1.

P2=0: Clear the object to the value specified in P3.

P2=1: Perform a logical "NOT" operation on the object. If in a two-color PMODE, this will convert the object into its reverse colors.

P2=2: Make an "AND" operation

#### TABLES

FUNCTION	PO PI	P2	P3	P4"	P5	P6	P7
DEFINE	0 #FIG	is			- 6	1	
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		- Annual					3+WHAP
		D-ABS.	×	_ Y			
		1+REL	+X	+Y			IF TYPE MIX COLOR CODE (0-3)
		2=LJOYSK	3	FI			
		3=RJOYSK					
MOVE	2 #FIG	4 LUOYSK	(X)	(Y)			
		5-RJOYSK	(X)	(Y)			
		8=RANDOM	- X	3.4	+×	«Y	10.07
		7-KEYBRD	+X	+Y		r	
		8=REDISP					
PLACE	3 4	SAME	AS	MOVE	************	***********	
REMOVE	4 # FIG	-	*	-	2		- "
COPY	5 TOF	G FROM FIG	-	***		*	18.
		0=CLEAR	OPERATION BYTE				
COURT	4510	T-NOT					
OPERATE	6 #FIG	2=AND					
		3×OR				-	
DOMAIN	7 *FIG	. 0	x -	¥.1	- X:	TY	
DOMAIN		#FIG			-		
100							
INFO	8 A	8					

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against the value specified in P3.

P3=3: Make an "OR" against the value in P3.

For NO-MIX objects, the changes will immediately be represented on the screen, but for MIX objects the changes will not appear until the next time you move your object.

#### CHECK DOMAIN (P0=7)

With DOMAIN you can test if an object "touches" a specific screen area. This function is used in program Listing 2 to check for asteroids crashing with the spaceship.

Specify the object to be tested in P1.

If P2 is not zero, this number will represent an object whose coordinates will be used to define the screen area. For example, to know if object 2 "touches" object 5, code P1=2, P2=5. If P2=0, then P3 through P6 define the X-Y coordinates of the area's corners. If the object touches a point within this square, a '1' value is returned.

#### GENERAL INFO (P0=8)

To call this function from ML programs, make a JSR INFO. The arguments should be given in registers 'A' and 'B.'

With INFO you can obtain information about Animatic depending upon the PI and P2 values. "NZ" represents a value other than zero in the table below.

#### P1 P2 Result

=0 =0 Address of an internal parameter table (required by ML programs). Also clears to zero the parameter table.

=0 NZ XY coordinates for the NZ object. The result of the XY coordinates has the format &HXXYY.

=1 NZ Address of internal Figure
Definitions for object NZ,
(Do not expect to use this
function too often.)

#### Error Messages

Animatic returns error codes with the following format:

"WW ERROR ON FIGURE YYY ACTION Z"

YYY is the number of the object you were using when the error occurred and 'Z' is the number of the attempted function. If in BASIC, you'll also get an 'FC Error. When calling Animatic from Assembler, the error will be displayed and control returns to your program. You will be notified through a non-zero value in the 'A' register. (This does not apply for calls to INFO.)

What about WW? Following find its meaning:

XOS= Out of Screen. You selected P7=0 during function P0=1 for this object and have attempted to move the object to an overflow position.

XOM= There is not enough memory to create the object. If possible, relocate Animatic to a lower address. The program in Listing 3 will help you to determine an appropriate offset for Animatic.

XOF= You are trying to CREATE more objects than specified in DEFINE.

XIO= Invalid option. The requested function does not exist (valid options are 0-8 for BASIC and 0-7 for ML programs).

XEX= You are trying to CREATE an object more than 100 pixels wide or with a width of zero pixels.

XEY= You are trying to CREATE an object more than 100 pixels high or with a height of zero.

XNC= Object not created. The object you are trying to use has not been CREATEd.

XNI= You forgot to DEFINE (P0=0)

Animatic.

XIC= Can't copy object. See description for the COPY function and see if you are violating some of the restrictions.

#### Some Things to Know

Animatic takes about 2,5K of storage, plus the required storage to keep the objects. It is written in PIC code and works on any CoCo with at least 16K and Extended BASIC. Disk is not required.

Although Animatic runs in 16K systems, you will need a 32K system and EDTASM+ to enter and assemble the program. RAINBOW ON TAPE is an excellent alternative. You may also send me a SASE with a formatted diskette plus \$4 (U.S. currency).

Listing 4 contains the source code.

The program is so large that I do not recommend typing all the comments.

Program 3 will estimate the required size for your figures, and it suggests a load address for Animatic. After assembling the code, make a CLEAR 200, LOAD ADDRESS-1.

If using Animatic from BASIC, type in EXEC after loading it. Nothing should happen after typing EXEC and the cursor must continue blinking as normal. At this point, BASIC already recognizes the ANIM instruction. Because of this new instruction, avoid the use of USRO and USR1 while in BASIC.

For a start, you may try sample programs 1 and 2. If after running a BASIC-Animatic program and you get 2SN Errors or you see "!' instead of AN1M when listing your program, this means you forgot to type EXEC after loading Animatic.

With Animatic, I have tried to provide a lot of functions and an easy interface for animation purposes. However, when used in complex animation environments, several considerations and restrictions inherent in its design have to be taken into account.

The potential for combinations in the animation functions here provided is such that it would require a more lengthy article to describe all possible effects, restrictions and techniques. I do encourage you to experiment whenever you have doubts. Of course, I would like to hear from you if you have questions, comments or problems regarding Animatic. You may contact me at 20819 Via Valencia, Boca Raton, FL 33433.

#### Listing 1: ROCKET

10 'THIS PROGRAMS MOVES A ROCKET FROM LEFT TO RIGHT OF THE SCREE

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20 'PREPARE GRAPHICS AND DRAW RO

30 PCLEAR 4

40 PMODE 4,1

50 PCLS

60 SCREEN 1,1

70 X=10:Y=10

80 DRAW "BM10,10; S2;H10;R15;F10;R20;F10;G10;L20;G10;L15;E10;U20;D4;NL8;D4;NL12;D4NL16;D4;NL12;D4;NL8"

90 'DEFINE ANIMATIC. MAX 1 FIGUR

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100 A=ANIM(0.1) 110 'CREATE FIGURE: NO MIX, FROM X=0 Y=0, X SIZE=35, Y SIZE=35, IF OUT OF SCREEN WRAP AROUND 120 A=ANIM(1,,0,0,0,X+3.5,Y+3.5, 3) 130 A\$=INKEY\$: IF A\$="" THEN 130 140 PCLS 150 'MOVE FIGURE #1. RELATIVE MO VEMENT OF +5 IN X AND Ø IN Y 160 X=ANIM(2,1,1,5,0) 170 GOTO 160



Listing 2: PROMNADE 10 'SPACE PROMENADE WITH ANIMATI C 20 GOTO 420 30 'DEFINE ANIMATIC. #FIGS=D+SPA CESHIP+BOMB (D=#ASTEROIDS) 40 A=ANIM(0,D+2) 50 'CREATE SPACESHIP. NO MIX. PO SITIONS X=0/Y=0, SIZE=35/20. IF OUT OF SCREEN FREEZE 60 A=ANIM(1,,0,0,5,X\*3,5,Y\*2,1) 70 'CREATE ASTEROIDS. NO MIX. FR OM POSITION 95,95. SIZE 11/11. I F OUT OF SCREEN WRAP-AROUND 80 FOR I=1 TO D 90 A=ANIM(1,,0,95,95,11,11,3) 100 NEXT 110 'CREATE BOMB. NO MIX. FROM P OSITION 200,184. SIZE=6 X 6. IF OUT OF SCREEN WRAP 120 A=ANIM(1,,0,200,184,6,6,3) 130 'PREPARE SCREEN'S BACKGROUND (PLANET + STARS) 140 PCLS: CIRCLE (255, 191), 10: PAIN T(250,189),1,1 150 FOR I=1 TO 60: PSET (RND (255) , RND (191), 1): NEXT: SCREEN 1,1 160 ' SET ORIGINAL ASTERDIDS POS ITIONS. 170 FOR I=2 TO D+1:S=INT(240/D)\* (I-1): X=ANIM(2, I, Ø, S, Ø): NEXT 180 'MAIN LOOP. MOVE SPACESHIP ( OBJECT#1). F2 CAN BE 4 IF JOYSTI CK OR 7 IF KEYBOARD. F3 AND F4 A RE X AND Y INCREMENTS 190 R=ANIM(2,1,F2,F3,F4):GOSUB31 0: 'GO TO CHECK FOR CRASH 200 'MOVE ASTEROIDS. RELATIVE WI TH X AND Y INCREMENTS DEPENDING

ON THE NUMBER OF THE OBJECT 210 FOR I=2 TO D+1: XA=ANIM(2, I, 1 .&HFE, B+I\*2): NEXT 220 MOVE BOMB. RANDOM X=RND (30) +150, Y=RND(151)+20 230 RA=ANIM(2,D+2,6,30,151,150,2 01) 240 'CHECK FOR CRASH 250 GOSUB 310 260 'REMOVE BOMB TO PREVENT OVER LAPS WITH ASTERDIDS 270 RA=ANIM(4.D+2) 280 'IF R=10 THEN SPACESHIP REAC HED BOTTOM/RIGHT CORNER 290 IF R<>10 THEN 190 ELSE 370 300 'CHECK IF SPACESHIP IS IN SA ME DOMAIN THAT ANY OF THE ASTERO IDS OR BOMB 310 FOR I=2 TO D+2: XA=ANIM(7,1,1 ): IF XA<>0 THEN GOTO 360 ELSE NE XT: RETURN 320 'OPERATE THE CRASHING ASTERO ID BY CLEARING IT TO RED (TO SIM ULATE FIRING) 330 A=ANIM(6,I,0,&HAA) 340 'MAKE SOUNDS AND FLASH SCREE 350 'ALMOST ALL THE CODE FROM HE RE TO THE END IS COSMETIC 360 FOR I=1 TO 3:PLAY"T100:01:F# C": SCREEN 1.0: FOR J=1 TO20: NEXT: SCREEN 1,1:NEXT: W=0:GOTO 380 370 FOR I=1 TO 2:PLAY"T250CDEFG" :NEXT:PLAY "03; L4; C; L2; D; A": W=B 380 CLS(W):PRINT@290,""::INPUT " ANOTHER GAME (Y/N)"; A\$ 390 IF AS="N" THEN CLS: PRINT"I'L L SEE YOU LATER": END 400 FL=1:GOTO 440 410 'INITIALIZE 420 PCLEAR 4 430 PMODE 4,1 440 PCLS 450 X=10:Y=10 460 DRAW "BM10,10; S2;H10;R15;F1 0:R20:F10:G10:L20:G10:L15:E10:U2 0; D4; NLB; D4; NL12; D4NL16; D4; NL12; D4: NL8" 470 PAINT (12,12),1,1 480 CIRCLE (100,100),5 490 LINE (200,180)-(205,185),PSE T, BF 500 'IF NOT FIRST TIME CONTINUE 510 IF FL=1 THEN 40 520 'SHOW PRESENTATION SCREEN 530 CLS(0) 540 'PRINTPEEK (&HFF00): A\$=INKEY\$ :IF A\$="" THEN 301 ELSE POKE &HF FØ2, &HØØ: PRINTPEEK (&HFFØØ): END 550 PRINT@B. "space"::PRINT@14."p romenade": 560 PRINT@64, "a"; : PRINT@66, "grap hics"::PRINT@75, "ANIMATIC"::PRIN T@84, "program"; 570 PRINT@106, "by"; :PRINT@109, "r ita"::PRINT@114. "sabo": 580 FOR I=0 TO 63:SET(I,10,7):SE T(I,31,7):NEXT 590 FOR I=10 TO 31:SET(0,I,7):SE T(63.1.7): NEXT 600 PRINT@230, "INSTRUCTIONS (Y/N )?": 610 A\$=INKEY\$: IF A\$="" THEN 610 620 IF A\$<>"Y" THEN GOTO 770 630 'PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS 640 PRINT@230, STRING\$ (20, CHR\$ (12 650 TX\$(0)="your mission is to m aneuver 660 TX\$(1)="the spaceship thru t he meteors" 670 TX\$(2)="rain and successfuly cross the"

earth in" 700 TX\$(5)="the bottom right--go od luck!!" 710 TX\$(6)=" press ENTER to con tinue 720 PD=225:FOR I=0 TO 6:FOR J=1T 0 30:A\$=MID\$(TX\$(I),J,1):IF A\$=" " THEN A\$="": PLAY"T25004D" ELS E PLAY"T250L101C" 730 PRINT@PO.A\$::FORH=1TO10:NEXT :PO=PO+1:GOSUB860:FOR K=1 TO 50: NEXT: NEXT: PO=PO+2: IF I=5 THEN PO =P0+32 740 NEXT 750 AS=INKEYS: IF AS="" THEN GOSU B 860: GOTO 750 760 PRESENT GAME OPTIONS 770 CLS(5):PRINT@290,"";:INPUT " HOW MANY ASTEROIDS": D 780 IF D<1 THEN 770 ELSE IF D>6 THEN SOUND 1.1: PRINT@362, "MASOCH ISTIC?!!"::PRINT@384, "above 6 is too much even for you":FORI=1 T 0 1500: NEXT: GOT0770 790 PRINT@360, "jOYSTICK/kEYBOARD 800 PRINT@389," (WITH JOYSTICK IS EASIER) ":

810 A\$=INKEY\$: IF A\$="" THEN 810

820 IF A\$<>"K" AND A\$<>"J" THEN

840 IF A\$="K" THEN F2=7:F3=8:F4=

860 IF SW=0 THEN PRINT@75, "ANIMA TIC"; ELSE PRINT@75,STRING\$(8,CH

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400 ......46 END ..... 100

SOUND 1,1:GOTO 790 830 SOUND 200,1

8 ELSE F2=4:F3=4:F4=4

870 SW=NOT SW: RETURN

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R\$(128));

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20 'IT WILL ALSO SUGGEST A START ADDRESS FOR ANIMATIC'S CODE

30 CLS:PRINT"ANIMATIC'S WORK ARE AS SIZES"

40 INPUT"NUMBER OF OBJECTS"; OB

50 IF OB(1 OR OB)255 THEN 40 60 DIM OB(OB), PM(OB), X(OB), Y(OB)

,MX\$(DB) 70 FOR I=1 TO OB 80 CLS(5)

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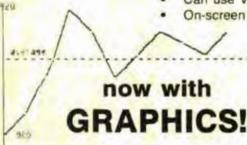
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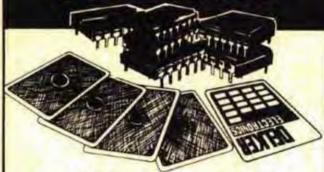
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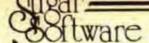
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This program takes machine code and automatically puts it into BASIC DATA statements. Just load the machine language code, RUN the program, set up a blank cassette to record and input the start and end addresses of the code. When you CLDAD the resulting tape, your DATA lines are all complete.

#### The listing:

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"START";B:INPUT"END";E:OPEN"O",#
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RINT#-1,LEFT\$(A\$,LEN(A\$)-1):NEXT
K:CLOSE#-1:STOP

Dan Tandberg, M.D. Albuquerque, NM

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Adventures and its companion Rainbow Adventure Tape.)

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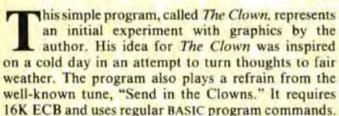
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## Send In The Clowns

By Daryl Judd



(Daryl Judd directs the news at KIVI-TV channel six in Nampa, Idaho, He works on his computer in his spare time.)





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#### The listing: CLOWN

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6Ø FORX=1TO5ØØ:NEXTX 7Ø PMODE 3,1:PCLS:COLOR 2,2 8Ø REM\*BALLOONS\* 9Ø CIRCLE (5Ø,5Ø),2Ø,2 100 PAINT (35,53),2,2 11Ø CIRCLE(5Ø,5Ø),21,3,1,Ø,.27 12Ø CIRCLE(7Ø,7Ø),2Ø,3,1,.72,.49 13Ø PAINT(7Ø,7Ø),3,3 14Ø LINE(48,7Ø)-(52,7Ø), PSET 15Ø LINE (48,71) - (52,71), PSET 16Ø LINE(46,72)-(54,72), PSET 17Ø COLOR 3,3 18Ø LINE(5Ø,7Ø)-(5Ø,18Ø), PSET 19Ø LINE(69,9Ø)-(71,9Ø), PSET 200 LINE(68,91)-(72,91), PSET 21Ø LINE(66,92)-(74,92), PSET

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22Ø LINE(7Ø,9Ø)-(7Ø,19Ø),PSET

23Ø CIRCLE(85,3Ø),2Ø,4

24Ø PAINT (85,32),4,4

25Ø COLOR 4,4

26Ø LINE(84,5Ø)-(86,5Ø),PSET

27Ø LINE(83,51)-(87,51),PSET

28Ø LINE(81,52)-(89,52),PSET

29Ø COLOR 3,3

3ØØ LINE(85,5Ø)-(85,184),PSET

31Ø SCREEN 1,Ø

32Ø PMODE 3,5

33Ø PCLS(2)

34Ø REM*DRAW HEAD*

35Ø CIRCLE (127,8Ø),6Ø,3,1,.5,Ø

36Ø COLOR 3,1
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37Ø LINE (68,8Ø)-(68,1ØØ), PSET 38Ø LINE (185,8Ø)-(185,1ØØ), PSET 39Ø CIRCLE (68,133),65,3,.5,.2,. 75 400 CIRCLE (185,133),65,3,.5,.75 , . 3 41Ø CIRCLE (129,1ØØ),74,3,1,.16, .355 420 PAINT (127,21),1,3 430 REM\*DRAW NOSE\* 44Ø CIRCLE (13Ø,11Ø),15,2 45Ø PAINT (13Ø,1Ø3),3,2 460 COLOR 1,1 47Ø CIRCLE(13Ø,11Ø),7,1,1,.45,.7 480 REM\*DRAW LEFT EYE\* 49Ø CIRCLE (1Ø6,8Ø),15,2,2,.42,. 500 CIRCLE (106,70),25,2,1,.6,.7 51Ø CIRCLE (1Ø6,93),1Ø,2,.5,.6,. 52Ø CIRCLE (96,8Ø),15,2,1.2,.75, .14

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56Ø REM*DRAW RIGHT EYE*
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  61Ø PAINT (141,81),2,2
  62Ø LINE (143,7Ø)-(143,8Ø), PSET
  63Ø CIRCLE (14Ø,8Ø),16,3,1.2,.77
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  65Ø CIRCLE (126,77),74,2,1,.13,.
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  69Ø CIRCLE (183,126),1Ø,3,1,.72,
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  72Ø CIRCLE (199,9Ø),15,4
  73Ø CIRCLE (3Ø,9Ø),2Ø,4
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  76Ø CIRCLE (232,1ØØ),1Ø,4
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  78Ø CIRCLE (22Ø,75),12,4,1.8
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  82Ø CIRCLE (213,63),22,4
  83Ø CIRCLE (52,48),2Ø,4,.6
84Ø CIRCLE (198,48),2Ø,4,.6
  85Ø CIRCLE (54,46),16,4
  86Ø CIRCLE (195,46),16,4
  87Ø CIRCLE (69,4Ø),1Ø,4
  88Ø CIRCLE (18Ø, 4Ø), 1Ø, 4
  89Ø CIRCLE (79,35),8,4
  900 CIRCLE (174,35),8,4
  91Ø CIRCLE (88,28),4,4
  92Ø CIRCLE (162,29),4,4
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  950 SCREEN 1,1:PLAY F$
  96Ø GOTO 96Ø
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## CoCo Chronograph

By Colin J. Stearman

Time is money" so they say, and going by the cost of the commercial real-time clocks available for the CoCo, they must be right! A real-time clock is simply a clock chip similar to one in a digital watch which can be read by the computer to find out the "real" time, date and day of the week. The clock should run

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independently of the computer and continue to keep time when the computer is off. With this in mind, let's design and build a real-time clock for CoCo.

Design Goals

The clock should be out of sight inside CoCo so it does not use up a valuable cartridge slot. CoCo should charge the clock batteries while you're computing. Also, the clock chip should be inexpensive and accurate.

To meet these goals, the CoCo Chronograph will be installed inside CoCo and use the OKI MSM5832 clock/calendar chip. It meets all the requirements and I have seen it advertised for as little as \$3.95! It is also very

simple to interface as the schematic in Figure I shows. The block diagram for this chip is shown in Figure 2.

#### Construction

The object of the construction is to mount a new 6821 PIA (Peripheral Interface Adapter) inside the computer without making irreversible modifications to the circuit board. I did this by "piggybacking" the new PIA onto U4 in the gray CoCo (U7 in the CoCo 2). U4 (U7) is an existing PIA used to drive the D/A converter and control the VDG chip.

To construct the unit, first gather the components listed in Figure 1. JDR Microdevices (800-538-5000 or 800-995-5430 in California) is a good source for all the chips and transistors. Parts should run in the price range of \$12-\$15. By the time you add the board (Radio Shack #276-158 or similar) and the other miscellaneous resistors, capacitors and wire, the total cost should be under \$25. (That satisfies goal

To assemble the parts, first remove the cover from CoCo and also the RF shield lid inside if yours has one. Locate U4 (U7 in CoCo 2) and the 6821 (6822 in CoCo 2). Gently pry the IC out of its socket using a small screwdriver or IC puller. Be careful not to damage the pins. Put CoCo to one side as we will now construct the piggyback board assembly.

Mount the 40-pin socket to the printed circuit board anywhere convenient, but remember it will be positioned directly over the PIA we just removed from CoCo and must not interfere with any nearby components. Also mount the socket toward the edge of the board to leave room for the other chips and components. Solder all pins on the socket to the PCB, but do not cut off the excess.

Take the new 6821 and gently bend pin 24 outward a little so when the IC is put into the socket, this pin will not enter it. Put the IC in the socket and press it home.

Mount the CD4011 along side the 6821 near pin 24. Solder all pins to the board. Using the hook-up wire, connect pins 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 together, and also to pin 1 of the 40-pin socket. Connect pin 14 of the CD4011 to pin 20 on the 40-pin socket. Connect pins

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I and 2 to pin 24 of the 6821. This is the bent pin not inserted into the socket. Also connect this pin to a length of wire about nine inches long; the other end will be connected later. Connect pin 3 of the CD4011 to pin 24 of the 40-pin socket.

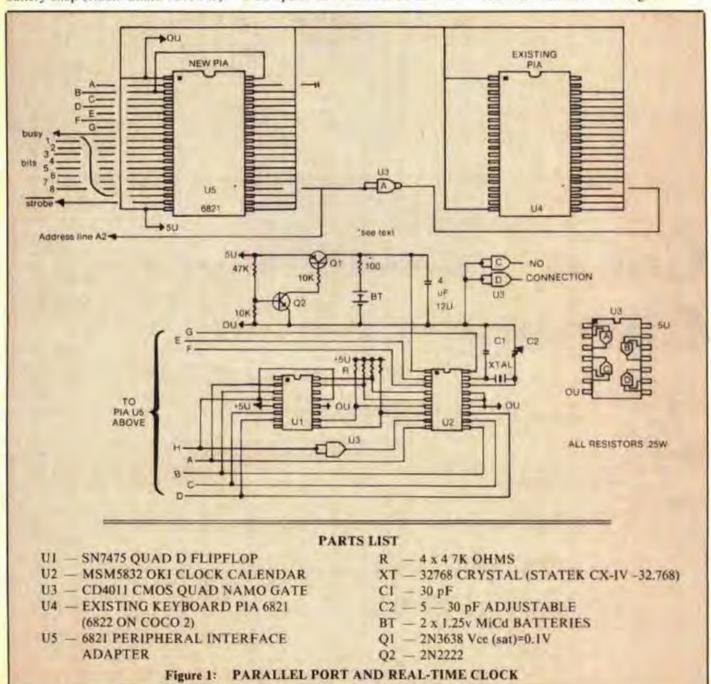
Now mount the remainder of the components. The layout is not critical, but try to keep the crystal XT and the capacitors C1 and C2 close to pins 16 and 17 of the MSM5832. The batteries should not be mounted on the board. Use two AA size NiCads (Radio Shack #23-125) in a holder (Radio Shack #270-382). Connect to the holder with a battery snap (Radio Shack #270-325).

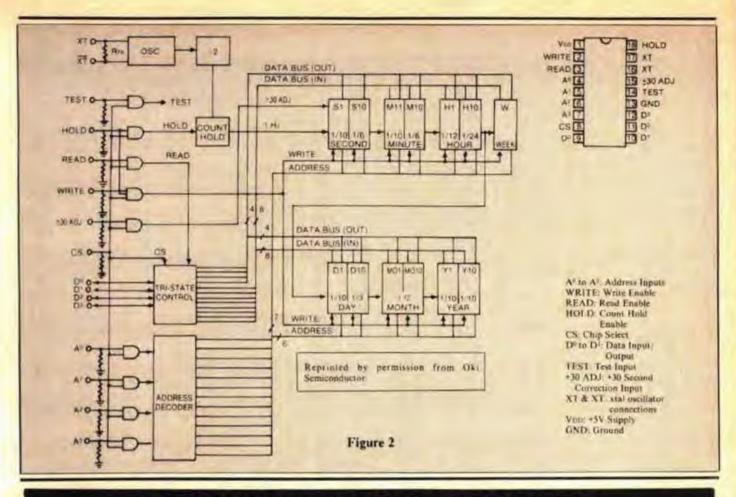
The entire battery assembly can be mounted anywhere convenient in the case. (I put mine under the keyboard.)

Wire up the components as shown in Figure 1. All connections between the new PIA and the existing PIA are achieved later by the piggyback technique. Letters 'A' through 'H' show the connections between the clock circuit and the new PIA. Don't forget that connection between pin 3 and 40 on U5! All references to +5V can be picked up from pin 20 of U5. Similarly the 0V connections can be connected to pin 1 of U5.

When all wiring is complete, turn the PCB upside down and cut off the wirewrap pins from pins 2 through 19, and pins 39 and 40 only. Cut them as close as possible to the board. The next task is to mount the assembly on top of the 6821 (6822) removed previously from

Locate this PIA and carefully bend pin 24 so it points vertically upward. Position the circuit assembly on top of this IC to test for fit. It may be necessary to splay the wire-wrap pins out a little. In order for the finished assembly to fit under the RF shield lid if you have one, the remaining wire-wrap pins must be trimmed as short as possible. Gauge how much you can cut from each pin and then trim all to this height.





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Now solder the wire-wrap pins to the original PIA, soldering each pin to its respective pin on the PIA. You should be connecting to pins 1, 20 and 21 through 38. The wire-wrap pin 24 will connect to the up-turned pin 24 on the PIA. This pin will not connect to the CoCo socket when the PIA is returned to the CoCo motherboard. When soldering the assembly to the back of the PIA, minimize the amount of solder used so the IC will still fit into its socket. Also position the solder joint high on the pins so the lower part will still fit the socket.

Now mount the finished assembly into CoCo. Press the lower PIA gently but firmly into the CoCo socket. All pins of the lower PIA must enter the socket, except for pin 24 which was bent upwards. Make sure pin 1 is returning to the same place it came from. If you can't remember, all chips are oriented the same way in both style CoCos. It's not easy to see that all pins enter the socket, so inspect the results carefully. The assembly should be firm and quite rigid when installed.

The wire still left unattached must be soldered to pin 10 of the 6809 CPU. Cut this wire to a suitable length and attach it either directly to pin 10 of the 6809 or to a convenient solder point connected to this pin. You'll have to trace one out. Probably soldering lightly to the chip is best as the CPU can more easily be replaced than the board if things go wrong! This wire picks up address line 2 to allow the software to distinguish between the two PIAs.

If you followed my recent series, "Cooking with CoCo," you may notice something familiar about the circuit in Figure 1. In Part six of that series (December 1984 RAINBOW, Page 154), we constructed a parallel port by adding a new 6821 PIA chip. This had some unused ports and it is these which are used to access the real-time clock.

If you do not want the parallel port, simply make no connections to pins 9 through 19 of the U5 chip. If you do, then check the "Cooking with CoCo" article previously mentioned on how to drive the port. If you built the port then, you'll have to modify it to accommodate the real-time clock. (The SN7404 used in "Cooking with CoCo" must be replaced with a CD4011 and this does not have the same pinout. If you don't change it, the clock will not work! Also, you may need a larger board on which to mount the additional components.)

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#### Listing 1: REALTIME

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0001 TTL GoCo Chronograph
0003 *
               REAL TIME CLOCK PROGRAM
0004 ..
               C.J. STEARHAN (C) 1985
0006 *
0007 *
0009 *
         THIS ROUTINE IS CALLED FROM BASIC TO
0009 *
         SET OR READ THE HSH5832 CLOCK. THE
0010 *
         CALL IS:
0011 *
0012 *
         A-USR(VARPTR(AS))
0013
0014 * IF A IS ZERO CALL WAS OK. NOT ZERO PROBABLY
0015 * HEANS AS NOT AT LEAST 14 CHARACTERS LONG
0016 *
0017 *
         WHERE AS IS A 14 CHARACTER STRING AS FOLLOWS:
0018 *
0019 .
         BYTE #
                    MEANING
0020 *
                    YEARS TENS
0021 4
                    YEARS UNITS
0022 *
                    MINTH TENS
0023 *
                    MONTH UNITS
0024 *
                    DAY TENS
0025 #
                    DAYS UNITS
0026 #
                    DAY OF THE WEEK
0027 *
                    HOURS TENS
0028 *
                    HOURS UNITS
0029 #
           10
                    MINS TENS
0030 *
                    HINS UNITS
0031 *
                    SECONDS TENS
0032 *
           13
                    SECONDS UNITS
0033 *
                    READ/WRITE FLAG
           14
0034 .
0035 *
         ALL VALUES ARE GIVEN AND RETURNED AS ASCII
0036 *
         CHARACTERS. THE CLOCK IS IN 24 HOUR FORMAT.
0037 *
         THE READ/WRITE FLAG IS "0" TO READ THE CLOCK
0038 *
         AND SET TO "1" TO WEITE THE CLOCK.
0039 *
0040 *
         THE LEAP YEAR FLAG IS SET TO CAUSE FEBRUARY
0041 #
         TO HAVE 29 DAYS IN A LEAF YEAR, THIS OCCURS
0042 *
         WHENEVER THE THE CLOCK IS READ IN JANUARY
0043 #
         OR FEBRUARY OF THE LEAP YEAR, THIS MAKES THE
         LEAP YEAR CORRECTION AUTOMATIC AND TRANSPARENT
0044 *
0045 *
         TO THE USER, ASSUMING THE CLOCK IS READ AT
0046 *
         LEAST ONCE DURING JANUARY/FEBRUARY OF THE
0047 *
         LEAP YEAR
0048 *
         A TYPICAL WRITE CALL TO SET THE DATE TO
0049 A
0050 *
         SEPTEMBER 19 1984 WEDNESDAY
0051 *
         14:52 (SHOONDS ARE NOT WRITTEN):
0052 *
0053 *
         A$="84091941452001"
0054 *
0055 *
         WHEN CALL IS MADE DATA IS WRITTEN AND SECONDS
0056 #
         SET TO ZERO
0057 *
0058 .
         TO READ THE CLOCK CALL WITH:
0059 *
0060 *
         A5-STRING$(14,"0")
0061 .
0062 .
         THE DATA IS RETURNED IN THE STRING IN THE
0063 *
         SAME FORMAT AS ABOVE, INCLUDING SECONDS
0064 *
0065 *
         EACH CALL LEAVES THE CLOCK SET HP WITH
0066 *
         AO-A3 HEGH, READ HIGH, WRITE AND HOLD LOW, AND
0067 *
         CS HIGH TO ENABLE THE 1 SECOND INTERRUPT
0068 #
         THIS INTERRUPT COHES IN ON CAL AT $FF25
0069 *
0070 ***************************
0071 *
0072
            OKG
                  $7E00
                              VERIFY CALL
0073 PWRCLK BSR
                  TEST
0074 *******
0075 *THIS ROUTINE READ/WRITES A BLOCK OF 13 BYTES
0076 *TO THE GLOCK. THE 14TH BYTE IS 0 TO READ 0077 *DATA AND 1 TO WRITE DATA. ALL VALUES ARE ASCII
0078 *REG X POINTS TO THE FIRST BYTE TO GO AT CLOCK
```

#### Double-Check

When all wiring and construction has been checked and double-checked, the assembly must be given the "smoke test." You may not be aware that all electronic components work by using smoke, but once the smoke gets out, they no longer work. How many chips have you had smoke come out of and they still work afterwards?

Turn CoCo on and watch for any smoke leaks! If the normal banner comes up and all the smoke stays in the chips, things are looking good. Use your meter to measure the voltage between an OV point and pin I of the MSM5832. It should be around 4.8 volts.

Also measure across the emitter and collector of TRI: this is the same as measuring between pin I of the MSM5832 and pin 20 of the new PIA. This voltage should be about 0.1V and not more than 0.2V. This is the VCE(sat) of TR1, or the voltage from collector to emitter when the transistor is saturated. If it's too high, the MSM5832 will have insufficient drive voltage. Try another 2N3638 if it is too high. Turn CoCo off and measure pin 1 of the MSM5832 against an OV point again. It should be around 2.5V if your batteries are charged.

#### Calibration

The crystal oscillator for the clock runs at 32,768kHz and is trimmed with C2. However, you cannot measure this frequency directly with either an oscilloscope or frequency meter because either one will load the oscillator and change the very thing you're trying to measure. If you do have access to either of these test instruments, you can measure the square wave on pin 9 of the MSM5832. It should have a period of 976,5625uS (micro-seconds) plus or minus 0.0015uS. Use C2 to set it exactly.

If you do not have such equipment, the only alternative method is to compare your CoCo Chronograph time with a quartz watch or other accurate clock and adjust over several days. The adjustment of C2 is not very sensitive. so make reasonable size adjustments each time. Remember that C2 is a capacitor without stops and the adjusting screw will revolve a full 360 degrees, so at one point the capacitance change will reverse direction for the same direction turn of the screw adjustment.

	0079 *AUUR 0080 *	ESS O.	SEE ABOVE	FOR FURNAT
7E02 C60C	1800	LDS	#12	BYTE COUNTER
7E04 A60D	0082	LDA	13,X	GET READ/WRITE FLAG
7E06 8030	0083	SUBA		ZERO IF READ/NOT IF WRITE
7E08 3402	4800	PSHS		SAVE FLAG
ZEDA 6DE4	0085 NXTVA			CHECK READ/WRITE FLAG
7EOE A680	0086	BEQ	CLK X+	BRANCH IF READING
7E10 8030	0087	LDA		GET VALUE, WE'RE WRITING MAKE INTO A BINARY VALUE
200	0089 *	STORM.	1	TANKS THAT IS DESIRED THEOD
		DATA I	IN "A" ADDR	ESS IS IN "B"
	0091 * 188	OF "A"	SET FOR H	RITE. MSN OF PIA IS
		INPUT (	PRINTER BU	SY) SO IS IGNORED BY PIA
**** ****	0093 *	in it	Rich	also many that has property
7E12 BAB0	0094	ORA	#580	SET HIGH BIT FOR WRITE
7E14 C105 7E16 2602	0095	CHEB	CLE:	NRITING H107
7E18 8A08	0097	ORA		SET 24 HOURS CLOCK FLAG
7E1A BD6D	0098 CLK	BSR.		DEL EN HOUSE STATUS ETAM
7E1C 6DE4	0099	TST	45	CHECK READ/WRITE FLAG
7E1E 2616	0100	BHE	NOTED	NOT READING
				month, if it is 1 or 2
	0102 * go	to less	year flag	set routine
7E20 C109	0103	CHPB		JUST READ MI?
7E22 2602	0104	DNE		NOT READING MONTHS
7E24 8D38	0105		LEAP	CHECK FOR LEAP YEAR
7E26 C105	DIOS NTIMT			READING H107
7E28 2604 7E2A 8403	0107		NOTH10	NO PEER ONLY LOW 2 SITE
7E2C 2004	0108 BTIMI 0109	BILA		KEEP ONLY LOW 2 RITS
762E C108	0110 NOTH1			READING DIOZ
7E30 27F8	0111		BIMBIT	2000000
7E32 8A30	0112 SAVEI		#10	HAKE INTO ASCII #
7E34 A780	0113		, X+	PUT READ VALUE IN ARRAY
7836 5A	0114 NOTED	DECH	100000	NEXT ADDRESS
7E37 2ADI	0115	HPL		DO NEXT ADDRESS
7E39 3261	0116	LEAS	1,5	RESTORE FLAG
	0117 *	T 110 C	LOCK TO PER	BLE INTERROPT
7E38 C60F	0119		APE.	AO-A3 HIGH
7E30 805B	0120	DSR	NETADO	114 114 114411
7E3F C620	0121	LDB		READ HI, WRITE/HOLD LOW
7E41 F7FF24	0122	STB	225	
7844 AF	0123	CLRA		RETURN ZERO ERROR
7E45 5F	0124	CLRB		
7E46 7E84F4	0125	JHP	SBAPA	EXIT
	0126 ****		prop mil	mon barro
			FIES CALL	FROM BASIC D STRING HAS
			Miles and the Control of the Control	ERS. X POINTS
	0130 * TO		man a ser series series	MANAGE AND STREET
	0131 *	2 200 4	- Formula	
7E49 BDB3ED	0132 TEST	JSR	SHRED	GET VARPTR VALUE IN D.
7E4C 1F01	0133	TFR	D,X	SAVE VALUE
7E4E A684	0134	LDA	,X	GET CHARACTER COUNT
7E50 810E	0135	CMPA		must be at least 14
7852 240B	0136	BHS	OK	De Danis de Como
7E54 3262	0137	LEAS	10.00	CLEAN STACK
7856 4F	0138	CLRA		
7E57 C6FF	0139	LOB		RETURN -1 AS ERROR CODE
7E59 7EB4F4 7E5C FC02	0140 0141 OK	Jim	7.5	CET STRING ADDRESS
7ESC EC02	0141 OK 0142	LDD	2,X D,X	GET STRING ADDRESS PUT IT IN X
7E60 39	0143	RTS	MAG.	
1446.50	0144 *			
		*****	LEAP YEAR	FLAG SKT############
				IT WAS JAN OR FEB. X IS
				ECK YEAR FOR LEAP YEAR
	0148 * AND		LAG IN DIO	
	0149 *			
7851 3406	0150 LEAP			SAVE VALUES
7E63 E61F	0151	TDB	-1 .X	SEE IF TENS ARE ZERO
7E65 C130	0152	CHT/B		Anne a series
7E67 261E	0153	BNE	NTLEAP	NOT A ZERO
7E69 8102	0154	CHPA	The second second	15 HONTH 2 OR 17
7E6B 221A 7E6D A61D	0155	LDA	HTLEAP -3.X	AFTER FEBRUARY GET Y10
A STATE WHITE	0157	SUBA		HAKE INTO A VALUE
TERE HONO		DUDA	4 14	CHANG AREA IL TRADE
7E6F 8030 7E71 C60A		LDB	#10	
7E6F 8030 7E71 C60A 7E73 3D	0158	LDB	110	

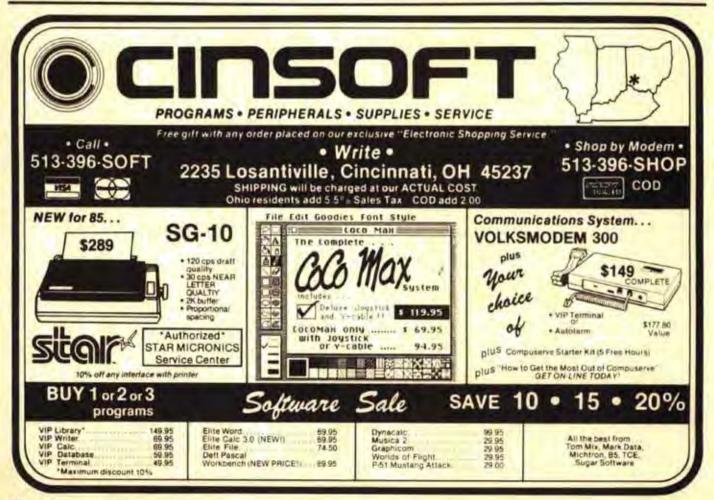
#### Software

The primary driver software is a machine code program shown in Listing 1. It is designed to be called from BASIC and will both read or set the clock, depending upon the parameters in the call. I don't propose to talk much here about the assembly code as it is fully commented.

One interesting feature is the handling of leap year. If the clock is read and the month is January or February of a leap year, the leap year flag is set in the clock. This causes February to have 29 days instead of 28. So as long as the clock is read at least once during that period, adjustment for leap year will be automatic.

Listing 2 is the complete chronograph program containing all the necessary calls to the driver routine to both read or set the clock. The driver routine from Listing 1 is contained in the data statements and is POKEd into memory each time. This is for ease of entry if you do not have an assembler. However, it's not the fastest method and you may wish to save the driver to its own binary file and have the BASIC program load it automatically, or perhaps append it

7E76 C030	0161	SUBB	0.0	REMOVE ASCII PART OF TI
7E78 C004	0162 SUBLP	SUBB	#4:	DECREASE BY 4
7E7A 2EFC	0163	BGT	SUBLP	NOT ZERO KERP REDUCING
7E7C 2009	0164	BLI	NTLEAP	WENT NEGATIVE
	0165 *			
	0166 * 15 A	LEAP	YEAR, READ	DIO AND SET FLAG AND WRITE
7E7E C608		LDB	#88	ADDRESS OF D10
7 EBU 4F	0168	CLEA		PREPARE A FOR READ
7181 8006	0169	RSE	CLOCK	READ DIO
7EB3 BAB4	0170	ORA	#884	SET BIT AND WRITE FLAG
7E85 BD02	0171	BSR.	CLOCK	WRITE IT BACK
	0172 *			West and State
7E87 3586	0173 NTLEAP	PULS	A.B.PC	
				*********
	0175 ******	****	*CLOCK KEA	D/WRITE*********
	0176 *****	****	********	********
	0177 *			
	0178 * "A" (	ONTAL	NS DATA IN	LOWER 4 BITS. IF MSB=1
	0179 * THEN	WRITE		
	0179 * THEN 0180 *	WRITE		CLOCK, O READS PROM CLOCK
	0180 *		S DATA TO	GLOCK, O READS FROM CLOCK
	0180 *		S DATA TO	
	0180 * 0181 * "8" ( 0182 *	ONTAI	NS ADDRESS	CLOCK, O READS PROM CLOCK TO READ/WRITE FROM
	0180 * 0181 * "8" 0 0182 * 0183 * ALL	CONTAI REGIS	S DATA TO MS ADDRESS TERS ARE R	GLOCK, O READS PROM GLOCK TO READ/WRITE PROM ETURNED UNGHANGED EXCEPT
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	0180 * 0181 * "8" ( 0182 * 0183 * AL), 0184 * A WHI	REGIS N REA	S DATA TO MS ADDRESS TERS ARE R DING. THE	GLOCK, O READS PROM GLOCK TO READ/WRITE PROM ETURNED UNGHANGED EXCEPT
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FF24	0180 * 0181 * "8" (	CONTAI REGIS ON REA	S DATA TO MS ADDRESS TERS ARE R DING. THE	GLOCK, O READS FROM CLOCK TO READ/WRITE FROM ETURNED UNGHANGED EXCEPT N A HAS ONLY 4 LSBITS SET
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to the end of the BASIC program with one of the previously documented techniques.

If you read the comments at the beginning of Listing I, you will see exactly how to call the driver and make it read or set the chronograph. The important points to note are that byte 14 of the passed string is either a 'I' to set the clock or '0' to read it. Those are ASCII characters.

Also note that when setting the chronograph, the seconds cannot be written and are always set to zero. Therefore, enter in the time at the end of the current minute as prompted and execute the write when this exact time is reached. Seconds are returned accurately when the clock is read.

Also, the day of the week is stored in the chronograph as a number from zero to six. Listing 2 arbitrarily sets zero to equal Monday. Of course, you can set this up however you wish, just remember the relationship you used.

Finally, that wire from pin 3 to pin 40 on the new PIA provides a one second interrupt to the PIA. This interrupt is connected to the FIRQ line, but the PIA is set up to prevent the

VERF 2804	0199		DOMET	WRITING DATA TO GLOCK
7E91 B058	0200	BSR	READ	READ DATA FROM CLOCK
71/13 2002	0201	BRA	EXIT	
7895 803C	0202 DOWRT	BSR	WRITE	WRITE DATA TO CLOCK
7897 3506	020Y EXIT	PULS	A.B.	RECOVER REGISTERS
7199 39	0204	RIS		
				********
				IN LATCHERARRAM
	0207 *****	*****	*********	*********
7EUA BD10	0208 WETADI	BSR	OUT	SET 4 PIA DATA LINES TO OU
789C #7FF24	0209	STR	DR	PUT ADDRESS OUT OF PIA
7EFF B63C	0210	LDA	#STROBE	LET LATCH SEE IT
7EAL B7PF25	0211	STA	Cit	
7EA4 8634	0212	LDA	#EXPDR	AND THEN LOCK IT IN
7EA6 B7FF25		STA		tille sent and except
	0214 *** AD	DRESS	DATA IS NOW	LOCKED INTO THE LATCH
7EA9 5011	0215		IN	SET 4 BITS TO DATA IN
7EAB 39	0216	RTS	-	See a serie as many an
-			********	********
	0218 * 58			
7EAC 8630	0219 DUT	LIIA	PEXPODE	2 10 001101
7EAE B7FF25				BIT 4 LOW EXPOSES DOR
7EBI 867F				DATA OUTPUT
7EB3 B7FF24	0222	STA		Deta collar
7EB3 B7FF24 7EB6 8634	0223	T.DA	EXPDR.	EXPOSE DATA REGISTER
7E88 B7FF25	0224	STA	Ch	DATASE DATA REDITION
7EBB 39	0225	RTS	No.	
10000 01			*********	*************
	0227 * SE			NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O
7EBC 8630	0228 IN			a to tutal
TEBE BTFF25	0229	STA		BYS I LOW BYBORDS DOD
7EC1 8670				BIT 4 LOW EXPOSES DOR DATA INPUT
7EC3 B7FF24	0231	STA		MAIN INPUL
7EC6 8634				personal relative programme
7EC8 B7FF25	0232	STA	CR	EXPOSE DATA REGISTER
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CPU from seeing it. However, the flag bit in the PIA will indicate each time a second is counted and this can be used.

For example, the following BASIC program will cause a "beep" once a second. It will only work if you have read or set the time at least once by the program in Listing 2, as this sets up the new PIA and the chronograph for this feature.

- 10 A=PEEK(&HFF24): 'TO CLEAR THE INTERRUPT FLAG
- 20 IF PEEK(&HFF25)AND &HB0 THEN SOUND 160,1:GOTO10 ELSE 20

The flag which tells if there has been an interrupt from the chronograph is the most significant bit at SFF25. If this is one, then a beep is issued and the flag is reset by reading SFF24. If not, then Line 20 is re-executed until it is.

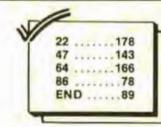
Wrapping it up

I have deliberately left some of the possible uses of the CoCo Chronograph to you. If you followed the "Cooking with CoCo" series, you could incorporate the clock set and read operations as BASIC commands and have the DATES function automatically set on power up from a read of the clock. You could add a TIMES function which would return the time of day to BASIC without having to do a direct call to the driver in Listing I.

If you didn't follow the series, there are many applications within your BASIC programs where knowing the real time, date or day of the week could be very useful. The techniques employed in Listing 2 can be used in these cases.

	0237 ** 30 * 5 * 1.117 = 167	.55 US DELAY
7.ECC C51E	0238 DELAY LDS #30	DELAY 15005
7ECE 12	0239 WAIT NOP	
TECF 5A	0240 DECB	COUNT DOWN
7EDO 26FC	0241 BNE WAIT	7 CLOCK PULSE LOOP
7ED2 39	U242 RTS	
	0243 **************	
	0264 ***************	
	DZ45 ************************************	CLOCKessessesses
	0246 *************	
	0247 * ASSUMES ADDRESS 15 SE	I, DATA DIRECTION IS IN,
	0248 * HOLD, READ, WRITE ALL	LOW
Maria Constant	0249 *	
7ED3 BDD7	0250 WRITE BSR OUT	SEI DATA TO OUT
7HD5 8640	0251 LDA #\$40	HOLD HIGH
7ED7 AA62	0252 ORA 2,8	ADD IN DATA
71109 B7FF24	0253 STA DR	SEND IT TO PIA
7EDC BDEE	0254 BSR BELAY	
	0255 *	22.03.00
	0256 * EVERYTHING NOW SET UP	
7EDE BAID	0257 ORA #310	WEITE HIGH
TERD BYEV24	0258 STA UR	LINE LOW WILL LOW
7KE3 840F	0259 ANDA #80F	WRITE LOW, HOLD LOW
7EE8 8DD2	0260 STA DR 0261 BSR IN	REST TO DATA IN
7EEA 39	0261 BSR IN 0262 RTS	POST IN BUTY TH
LEEN 34	0263 *************	*******
	0264 *************	
	0265 ********** BATA FRO	H. CLDCK********
	0266 ****************	************
	0267 * ASSUMES ADDRESS IS SE	
	0268 * HOLD, READ, WRITE ALL	
	0269 *	320
7EEB 8640	0270 READ LDA #540	HOLD HIGH
78ED B7FE24	0271 STA DR	SEND IT TO PIA
7EFO BODA	0272 BSR DELAY	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
-	0273 *	
	0274 * EVERYTHING NOW SET UP	TO READ
7EF2 8A20	0275 OBA #\$20	READ HIGH
7EFA B7EF24	0276 STA DR	
71197 F6FF24	0277 LDS DR	GET DATA IN B
7EFA CADE	0278 ANDH #SOF	MASK LSB 4 BITS
7EFC E762	U279 STB 2,8	PUT RESULT ON STACK
7EPE 7FFF24	0280 CLR DR	READ LOW, HOLD LOW
7F01 39	0281 RTS	A STATE OF THE STA
	0282 *************	******
	The state of the s	
7800	0283 END PWRCLK	

You will find the CoCo Chronograph to be very accurate and the rechargeable batteries will keep the clock running for months if you don't use your CoCo. But it's unlikely your CoCo will remain unused for that long!



Listing 2: CRNDGRPH

- 1 CLEAR 200,&H7DFF
- 2 DEF FNB(X)=VAL("&H"+BYTE\$)
- 3 DIM DOW\$ (6) , DAYS (12)
- 4 DATA MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
- 5 FOR I=ØTO6: READDOW\$(I): NEXT
- 6 DATA 31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,3
- 0,31,30,31
- 7 FOR I=1 TO 12
- B READ DAYS(I)

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9 NEXT
10 GOSUB 89 'INPUT MACHINE CODE
IF NECESSARY
11 CLS
12 IN$=STRING$(14,"@")
13 MID$(IN$,14,1)="1" 'TO SET WR
ITE FLAG
14 DUT$=STRING$(14,"0")
15 INPUT"READ OR SET TIME (R/S)"
: A$
16 IF LEFT$ (A$,1) = "5" THEN 24
17 GOSUB 76
18 IF RIGHT$ (TIME$, 2) = "00" THEN
SOUND 140,1
19 PRINT@0, USING"TIME: %
                                 %
"; TIME$
20 PRINTUSING DAY OF WEEK: %
   "": DOW$ (VAL (WEEK$))
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%" : DT
21 PRINTUSING"DATE: %
22 PRINT"PRESS (BREAK) TO END"
23 GOTO 17
24 GOSUB 76
25 A$=LEFT$(TIME$,5)
26 PRINT"ENTER TIME (":AS:
27 LINEINPUT") "IK$
28 IF LEN(K$) >0 THEN A$=K$
29 IF LEN(A$) <>5 THEN 34
30 IF MID*(A*,3,1)<>":" THEN 34
31 IF VAL (LEFT$ (A$, 2)) < 0 OR VAL (
LEFT$ (A$,2)) >23 THEN 34
32 IF VAL(RIGHT$(A$,2)) (Ø DR VAL
(RIGHT$ (A$,2)) >59 THEN 34
33 GOTO 35
34 SOUNDBØ, 1: GOTO 24
35 B$=DOW$(VAL(WEEK$))
36 PRINT"ENTER DAY OF WEEK ("18$
37 LINE INPUT") ":K$
38 IF LEN(K$) >0 THEN B$=K$
39 FOR I=0 TO 6
40 IF B$=LEFT$(DOW$(I),LEN(B$))
THEN 42
41 NEXT: SOUNDB0, 1: GOTO 35
42 DOW=I
43 'DATE LOADER
44 C#=DT#
45 PRINT"ENTER DATE (":C#:
46 LINEINPUT") ":K$
47 IF LEN(K$)>@ THEN C$=K$
48 IF LEN(C$) <>8 THEN 61
49 D=VAL (MID*(C*,4,2))
50 Y=VAL (RIGHT*(C$,2))
51 M=VAL (LEFT$ (C$,2))
52 IF M<0 DR M>12 THEN 61
53 IF Y<0 THEN 61
54 IF D<1 THEN 61
55 IF M=2 THEN 58
56 IF D>DAY8 (M) THEN 61 ELSE 62
57 ' DO FEBRUARY
58 IF (INT (Y/4) <>Y/4) AND (D>DAYS (M
)) THEN 61
59 ' LEAP YEAR
60 IF D>29 THEN 61 ELBE 62
61 SOUND 80,1:GOTO 44
62 D#=STR#(D): IF LEN(D#)=2 THEN
MID# (D#, 1, 1) = "0" ELSE D#=RIGHT# (
63 M$=STR$(M): IF LEN(M$)=2 THEN
MID$ (M$, 1, 1) = "0" ELSE M$=RIGHT$ (
M$,2)
64 Y = STR + (Y) : IF LEN (Y +) = 2 THEN
MID$(Y$,1,1)="0" ELSE Y$=RIGHT$(
Y$,2)
65 MID$(IN$,1,2)=Y$
66 MID*(IN$,3,2)=M$
67 MID# (IN#,5,2)=D#
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6B MID$(IN$,7,1)=RIGHT$(STR$(DOW
1.11
69 MID$(IN$,8,2)=LEFT$(A$,2)
70 MID$(IN$,10,2)=MID$(A$,4,2)
71 MID$(IN$,12,2)="00"
72 INPUT"PRESS (ENTER) TO SET CL
DCK" I AS
73 A=USR(VARPTR(IN$))
74 IF A<>Ø THEN PRINT"ERROR": STO
75 CLS: GOTO 17
76 ' READ TIME ROUTINE
77 T$=MID$(OUT$,12,2)
78 A=USR(VARPTR(OUT$))
79 IF A<>0 THEN PRINT"ERROR": STO
80 IF MID*(OUT$, 12,2)=T$ THEN 78
81 TIME$ = MID$ (OUT$,8,2)+":"+MI
D$(OUT$,10,2)+":"+MID$(OUT$,12,2
82 WEEK$ =MID$(OUT$,7,1)
83 DT$ = MID*(OUT$,3,2)+"/"+MID$
(OUT$,5,2)+"/"+MID$(OUT$,1,2)
B4 RETURN
85 DATABD, 47, C6, 0C, A6, 0D, 80, 30, 3
4,02,6D,E4,27,0C,A6,B0,B0,30,BA,
80,C1,05,26,02,8A,08,8D,6D,6D,E4
,26,16,C1,09,26,02,8D,3B,C1,05,2
6,04,84,03,20,04,C1,08,27,F8,8A,
30, A7, 80, 5A, 2A, D1, 32, 61, C6, ØF, BD
,5B,C6,20,F7,FF,24,4F,5F,7E,B4,F
4, BD, B3, ED, 1F, Ø1, A6, B4
86 DATAB1, 0E, 24, 08, 32, 62, 4F, C6, F
F,7E,84,F4,EC,02,1F,01,39,34,06,
E6, 1F, C1, 30, 26, 1E, 81, 02, 22, 1A, A6
.1D,80,30,C6,0A,3D,EB,1E,C0,30,C
0,04,2E,FC,2D,09,C6,08,4F,BD,06,
BA, B4, BD, 02, 35, B6, 34, 06, BD, 0D, 6D
.E4,28,04,80,58,20,02,80,3C,35,0
6,39,8D,10,F7,FF,24,86
87 DATA3C, 87, FF, 25, 86, 34, 87, FF, 2
5,8D,11,39,86,30,87,FF,25,86,7F,
B7, FF, 24, 86, 34, B7, FF, 25, 39, 86, 30
,B7,FF,25,86,70,B7,FF,24,86,34,B
7,FF,25,39,C6,1E,12,5A,26,FC,39,
8D, D7, 86, 40, AA, 62, 87, FF, 24, 8D, EE
,8A,10,87,FF,24,84,0F,87,FF,24,8
D.D2,39,86,40,87,FF,24
BB DATABD, DA, BA, 20, B7, FF, 24, F6, F
F,24,C4, 0F, E7, 62, 7F, FF, 24, 39
89 'LOAD MACHINE CODE ROUTINE
90 FOR I=&H7E00 TO &H7F01:READ B
YTES: POKEI, FNB (0): TTL=TTL+FNB (0)
91 IF TTL<>28319 THENPRINT"ERROR
 IN DATA STATEMENTS": STOP
92 DEF USR=&H7E00
93 RETURN
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Game Summary

The Piano Note Tutor gives a note on either the treble or bass staff and asks you to find the correct key on a shortened 54-note piano keyboard. The program gives you 15 seconds in which to position a pointer at the correct keyboard key using the up, down, right and left arrows. The 15 seconds are

counted off in one second intervals by the program through the SOUND command. Of course, the faster you are, the more points you get.

The game also has three levels of play

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which include major notes only, sharp and flat notes only, and combined play. The more difficult the play, the higher the points for each correct answer, and in the combined play, more points are taken off for an incorrect answer.

Program Play

After loading the program into the computer, type RUN. A title screen will appear for a few seconds while the character generator data is read into the program. The main menu appears and a short description is given about the game, then the levels of play menu is displayed. After entering your levels of play selection, the game graphics will start to be drawn on the screen. The Piano Note Tutor should display a buff background, white and black piano keyboard keys with a red 'C' marking the Middle C keyboard key, and a red pointer. If these colors are not being displayed correctly, press the Reset button on your computer and retype RUN after the OK prompt.

My computer usually starts up with the correct colors but can be finicky at times.

After the graphics are drawn, the program will give you your note to be placed using the various arrow keys. The program then waits for your move and/or answer while counting the seconds for you. To end a game or to return to the main menu, press the SHIFT and CLEAR keys at the same time. If your answer is wrong, the program



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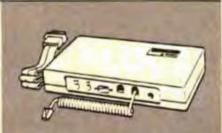
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will flash the right answer and wait for any key to be pressed while you examine the correct answer before continuing with another question.

#### Game Play Hints and Notes

- 1) The program assumes that it will take two seconds to move the pointer to the correct answer.
- 2) If an answer is not entered by pressing the space bar within 20 seconds, the program assumes the answer is wrong and will show you the correct answer.
- 3) To return at any time to the main menu, press the SHIFT and CLEAR keys together.
- 4) The minimum and maximum number of points given for an answer in either game is given

			Answer Answer			
			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Game	Level	Ī	+1	+10	0	0
Game	Level	2	+2	+20	0	0
Game	Level	3	+5	+50	-5	-50

The maximum correct points will be scored if the answer is correct and entered before two seconds elapse. while the minimum correct points are scored if entered after 17 seconds elapse. Likewise, the minimum number of Level 3 incorrect points are scored after 17 seconds while the minimum number of points are scored if entered before two seconds clapse. Points between the minimum and maximum are dependent upon the time elapsed between two and 17 seconds.

#### System Requirements

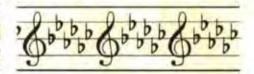
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loop, the ROM compatibility can be maintained.

The high speed poke (POKE65495, 8) is used in Line 9000 with the return to low speed poke (PDKE65494, 0) used in Line 9020. The high speed is used only to speed up the program graphics character generator. Therefore, if your Color Computer cannot handle the high speed pokes, remove these pokes from their respective lines without fear of ruining the program.

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140 ....203 .....207 220 380 ..... 129 480 .....233 8040 ..... 155 9060 .....4 .31 9220 : END ...199

The listing: NOTETUTE

10 DIM U(8,14) .T(2) .B(8,14) 'PIAN O TUTOR BY ROBBIN AND RON MIX NO V. 1984, (C) 1985

11 DIM W(6,14)

20 R=RND(-TIMER):CLS:PRINT@200." PIANO NOTE TUTOR": PRINT@236,"(C) 1985": PRINT@271, "BY": PRINT@295,

"RON AND ROBBIN MIX": GOSUB8000:F DRX=1TO400: NEXTX

30 GOTO100

100 CLB: PRINT"FIND THE NOTE GAME INSTRUCTIONS

THE OBJECT OF TH IS GAME IS TO FIND THE CORRECT K EYBOARD NOTE FROM A GIVEN STAFF NOTE. MOVE THE POINTER TO THE RIGHT KEY BY USING THE RIGHT, LE FT, UP, AND DOWN":

110 PRINT"ARROWS, THEN PRESS (SP TO ENTER YOUR ANSWER. ACE BAR> IF WRONG, THE COMPUTER WILL SHOW THE RIGHTANSWER, THEN PRESS ANY

KEY TO CONTINUE. PRESS (SHIFT > AND (CLEAR) TOGETHER TO RE TURN TO MAIN PROGRAM MENU." 120 PRINT@483, "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE":

130 I\$=INKEY\$: IFI\$=""THEN130 135 IF I = CHR = (92) THEN 30 140 GOSUBB050: PMODE4, 1: PCLS5: SCR EEN1,1:PMODE3,1:COLOR1:KT=118:GO SUBB030: DRAW"C354BM126,168": A = " C": GOSUB9000: COLOR1: SC=0: A\$="SCO RE": DRAW"S8BM190,12": GOSUB9000: A \$=STR\$ (SC): DRAW"BM190, 28": GDSUB9 000: A\$="FIND": DRAW"BM0,12": GOSUB

145 A\$="THE": DRAW"BM6, 28": GOSUB9 000: A\$="NOTE": DRAW"BM0, 44": GOSUB 9000: DRAW"S4BM128,172"+AU\$: DRAW" C1":LX=128:LY=172:GET(124,172)-( 133,187),U.G:GET(124,172)-(131,1 87) .W.G:GET(110,172)-(119,187) .B

150 LT=0:LINE(68,40)-(68,64),PRE SET: FORX=40TO64STEP6: LINE (68, X)-(122, X), PRESET: NEXTX: FORX=28T076 STEP6: LINE (122, X) - (146, X) , PRESET :NEXTX:R=RND(2):RA=RND(19):RB=RN D(2):RC=RND(4):IF R=2 THEN DRAW" 54BM78,68"+CT\$ ELSE DRAW"54BM78, 46"+CB\$

160 DRAW"BM131,79":FORX=1TORA:DR AW"BM-0,-3": NEXTX: IF RACID THEN DRAW NU# ELSE DRAW ND# 170 IF I=1 THEN200 ELSE IF I=3 A ND RC>2 THEN 200

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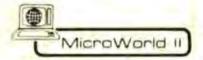
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9010 NDS="R6DL4DR4DL4DR4DL4DR4L6

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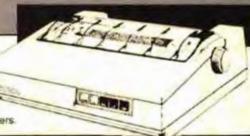
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9100 DATA "G", "BM+1, -0; H1U4E1R2F 1:BM+0,+2:NL1D2G1L2:BM+6.0" 9110 DATA "H", "U3NU3R4NU3D3: BM+3 .0" 9120 DATA "I", "BM+1, 0: RINRIUGNLI R1: BM+4,+6" 9140 DATA "K", "U3NU3R1NE3F3: BM+3 .0" 9150 DATA "L", "NU6R4U1; BM+3,+1" 9170 DATA "N", "U6F1D1F2D1F1NU6: B M+3.0" 9180 DATA "O", "BM+1.0: H1U4E1R2F1 D4G1L2; BM+6, 0" 9190 DATA "P", "U6R3F1D1G1L3: BM+7 .3" 9210 DATA "R", "U6R3F1D1G1L2NL1F3 : BM+3.0" 9220 DATA "S", "BM+0.-1:F1R2E1U1H 1L2H1U1E1R2F1: BM+3.+5" 9230 DATA "T", "BM+2, +0; U6NL2R2 B M+3.+6" 9260 DATA "W", "NU6E2NU1F2U6; BM+3 .6" 9280 DATA "Y", "BM+0,-6: D2F2ND2E2 U21 BM+3.6" 9300 DATA "1", "BM+1, 0; R1NR1U6G1; BM+6.+5" 9310 DATA "2", "NR4U1E1R1E2U1H1L2 G1; BM+7,+5" 9320 DATA "3"."BM+0,-1;F1R2E1H2E 2H1L3: BM+7.6" 9330 DATA "4", "BM+3, 0: U2NR1L3U1E 3D3; BM+4,3" 9340 DATA "5", "BM+0,-1; F1R2E1U2H 1L3U2R4; BM+3,+6" 9350 DATA "6", "BM+4,-5; H1L2G1D4F 1R2E1U1H1L3: BM+7,+3" 9360 DATA "7", "U1E4U1L4; BM+7,+6" 9370 DATA "B", "BM+1,-0; H1UIE1H1U 1E1R2F1D1G1NL2F1D1G1L2; BM+6, 0" 9380 DATA "9", "BM+0,-1:F1R2E1U4H 1L2G1D1F1R2; BM+4,+3" 9390 DATA "0", "BM+1, 0; H1U4E1R2F1 D4G1L2: BM+6.0" 9480 DATA "-", "BM+0, -3; R4; BM+3,+



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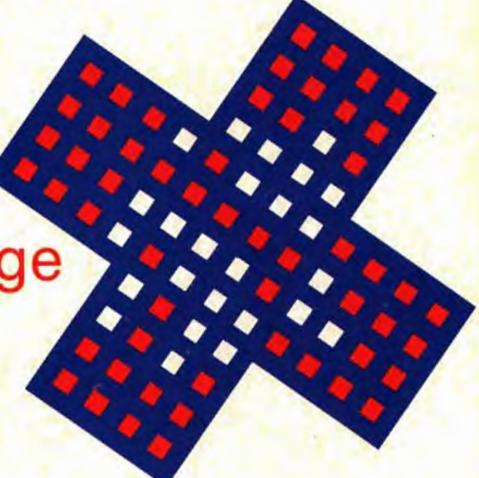
Granny's

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Game

Challenge

By Daryl Judd



ne of the memories of going to my grandmother's house is playing the puzzle-type game called *Hi-Q*. It's a small, white board with 44 red pegs that are jumped back and forth in checker-type moves. The object (which I could never seem to master) is to end up with only one peg in the middle.

I recently found out that my wife's grandmother also has the game. Is it possible this game is a requirement of some grandmothers' union? Perplexed, I pondered over this thought for several days. Then, I realized my mission: to bring the CoCo world the game of *Hi-Q* — for those whose grandmothers didn't belong to the union.

I added sight and sound and in completing my mission, I had to call on several tactics I have picked up in the past (past issues of RAINBOW, that is) such as the false colors of PMODE 3 and GET and PUT statements.

The variables are as follows:

'A' is the array used to draw the pegs 'B' is the array used to erase the pegs Num is the number of pegs left

'M' is the x starting point of the cursor square

'L' is the y starting point of the cursor square

(Daryl Judd directs the news at KIVI TV channel six in Nampa, Idaho. He works on his computer in his spare time.)

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1	2069
7	40179
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ı	END33

The listing: HI-Q

- 1 'H-Q BY DARYL JUDD
- 2 PMODE3,1:PCLS:SCREEN1.0:COLOR2
- 3 DRAW"BM0, 30; D120; R30; U50; R50; D 50; R30; U120; L30; D50; L50; U50; L30"
- 4 PAINT (2,32),3,2
- 5 CIRCLE(190,89),56,2,1.15,.1705
- 6 CIRCLE(190,89),36,2,1.15,.2,.1
- 7 DRAW"BM217,111;H10;G15;F10"
- B DRAW"BM219,142;F10;E15;H11"
- 9 PAINT (190,28),3,2
- 10 FORX=1T0400: NEXTX
- 11 PLAY"T3; LBD; G; PBG; A; PB; A; B; O4 D: 03B: G: P8"
- 12 PLAY"D; G; PB; G; A; PB; A; L4. B; L6G
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14 SCREEN1,1

15 PLAY"L8: 02E; P4: L8.: 01A: P16: L8 : 02C: L4: 01B: P8: L8G"

16 FORX=1T0700: NEXTX

17 CLS: PRINT@7, "\*\*INSTRUCTIONS\*\*

18 PRINT" THE OBJECT OF THIS GAM E IS TO"

19 PRINT" END UP WITH ONE PEG I N THE"

20 PRINT"CENTER HOLE. PEGS ARE S UBTRACTED":

21 PRINT" FROM THE BOARD BY JUMP ING. LIKE":

22 PRINT" IN THE GAME OF CHECKE RS. TO"

23 PRINT" MOVE THE SQUARE WHERE YOU WANT"

24 PRINT" IT, PRESS THE ARROW KE YS. TO"

25 PRINT" JUMP, PRESS THE 'J' K EY. AND"

26 PRINT" THEN THE ARROW KEY IN THE"

DIRECTION YOU WANT TO 27 PRINT" MOVE."

28 PRINT" WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE MOVES."

29 PRINT" PRESS THE 'N' FOR YOUR RATING. "

30 PRINT" AND IF WANT TO QUIT, P RESS THE"

'Q' KEY AND YOU WI 31 PRINT" LL."

32 PRINT" \*\*ANY KEY\*\*"

33 I = INKEY : IF I = " "THEN 33

34 PMODE3,1:PCLSØ

35 CIRCLE(10,10),7,3,.9

36 PAINT (10,10),3,3

37 DIMA(14,10),B(14,10)

38 GET (3,5) - (17,15) ,A,G

39 GET (33,5)-(47,15),B,G

40 CLS3: PMODE4,1: PCLS: SCREEN1,1: PMODE3

41 PCLSØ: NUM=44

42 COLOR1,1

43 LINE(10,0)-(246,185),PSET.B

44 LINE(10,0)-(88,62), PSET, BF

45 LINE (166,0) - (244,62) , PSET, BF

46 LINE(10,123)-(88,185),PSET,BF

47 LINE (166,123) - (246,185) . PSET. BF

48 FORX=96T0146STEP25

49 FORY=BTO48STEP20

50 PUT(X,Y)-(X+14,Y+10),A,PSET

51 NEXTY: NEXTX

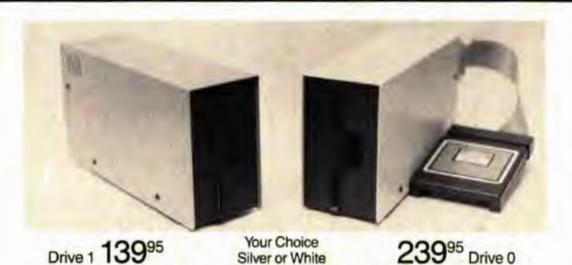
52 FORX=21T0221STEP25

53 FORY=68T0108STEP20

54 IFX=121ANDY=88THEN56

55 PUT(X,Y)-(X+14,Y+10),A,PSET 56 NEXTY: NEXTX 57 FORX=96T0146STEP25 58 FORY=128T0168STEP20 59 PUT (X,Y)-(X+14,Y+10),A,PSET 60 NEXTY: NEXTX 61 COLOR1,1 62 M=119:L=86 63 GOSUB106 64 'WAIT FOR COMMAND 65 I\$=INKEY\$: IFI\$=""THEN65 66 IFI\$=CHR\$ (94) THEN74 67 IFI = CHR \$ (10) THENB2 68 IFI\$=CHR\$(8) THEN90 69 IFI \$= CHR\$ (9) THEN98 70 IFI\$="J"THEN108 71 IFI\$="N"THEN163 72 IFI = "Q"THEN 175 73 GOT064 74 'MOVE UP 75 IFL=66ANDM<94THEN78 76 IFL=66ANDM>144THEN78 77 IFL>6THEN79 78 SOUND10,2:60T064 79 COLOR4, 4: GOSUB106 80 COLOR1,1:L=L-20:GOSUB106 81 GOTO64 82 'MOVE DOWN

83 IFL=106ANDM<94THEN86 B4 IFL=106ANDM>144THENB6 85 IFL<166THEN87 86 SOUND10,2:GOT064 87 COLOR4,4:GOSUB106 88 COLOR1.1:L=L+20:GOSUB106 89 GOTO64 90 'MOVE LEFT 91 IFM=94ANDL<66THEN94 92 IFM=94ANDL>106THEN94 93 IFM>19THEN95 94 SOUND10,2: GOTO64 95 COLOR4, 4: GOSUB106 96 COLOR1,1:M=M-25:GOSUB106 97 GOT064 98 'MOVE RIGHT 99 IFM=144ANDL<66THEN102 100 IFM=144ANDL>106THEN102 101 IFM<219THEN103 102 SOUND10,2:GOTO64 103 COLOR4, 4: GOSUB106 104 COLOR1,1:M=M+25:GOSUB106 105 GOTO64 106 LINE (M,L) - (M+18,L+14) ,PSET,B 107 RETURN 108 'JUMP 109 IFPPOINT (M+9,L+7) <>7THEN64 110 I = INKEY : IF I = " "THEN 110



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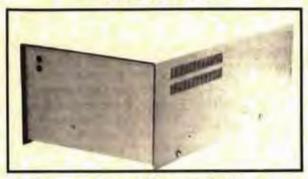
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## Play Your Favorite Games With No Wires Attached

By J.O. Shaver





or some time I had noticed that wireless joysticks were available for the Atari and Commodore computers, but, as usual, nothing for CoCo. It seemed it would be nice to have joysticks without wires so I could move back from the CoCo and TV to play a game and not have to sit shoulder to shoulder with the person I might be playing the game with.

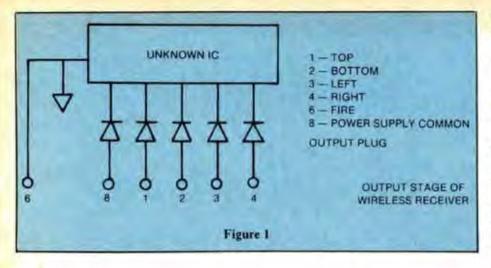
Since I had an Atari-to-CoCo joystick adapter, I thought just maybe the wireless receiver could be plugged into this adapter and I would have it made. Finally, the urge overtook me and I purchased the wireless joysticks.

I rushed home and quickly set up the wireless joysticks, plugged them into the Atari adapter and the adapter into my CoCo. Turning the CoCo on, nothing happened. What a disappointment! I couldn't even get the keyboard to respond. At first, I thought I had even damaged my CoCo.

Being an electronic hobbyist and experimenter, and a hardware-type person for the last 30 years, this presented me with a real challenge. I decided to design and make an interface for the wireless joysticks for the CoCo.

To start, I needed to know what the output section of the wireless receiver looked like and how it worked. By

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opening up the unit and following out the circuit, I found the circuit as shown in Figure 1.

By using an ohmmeter, I found a high resistance between pins with a diode and common. This value dropped to approximately 900 ohms when the joystick was operated for that particular direction. By seeing that change, I was also able to find which pin went with which direction. It came out as shown in Figure 1.

With this information, I proceeded with the interface.

#### About the Circuit

Refer to figures 2a and 2b. I will describe the left joystick side only since both left and right are identical, except for IC pin numbers in some cases.

IC1 is an Octal Inverting Buffer with control gates for each of two groups of four buffers. See Figure 3 for its internal diagram. Resistors R1-R5 are pull-up resistors for the inputs.

With the wireless joystick in the center position, the wireless receiver has a high resistance between its pins 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and ground pin 8. This allows

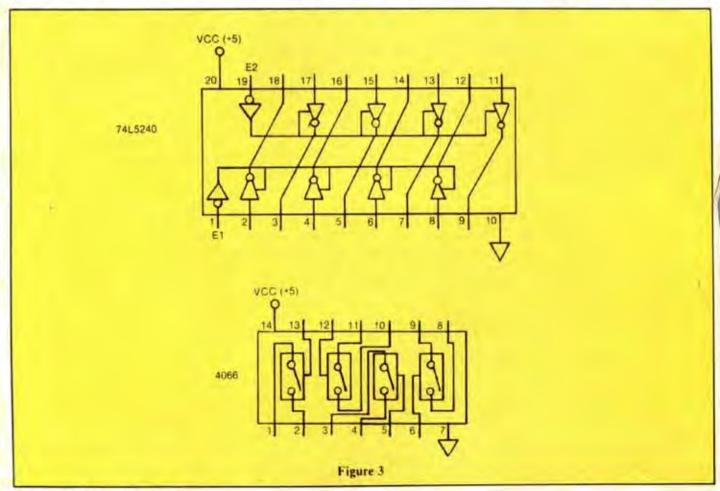
a +5 volt (a logical one) on the inputs of IC1 which gives a zero on the output, provided the control gates are enabled (more on this later).

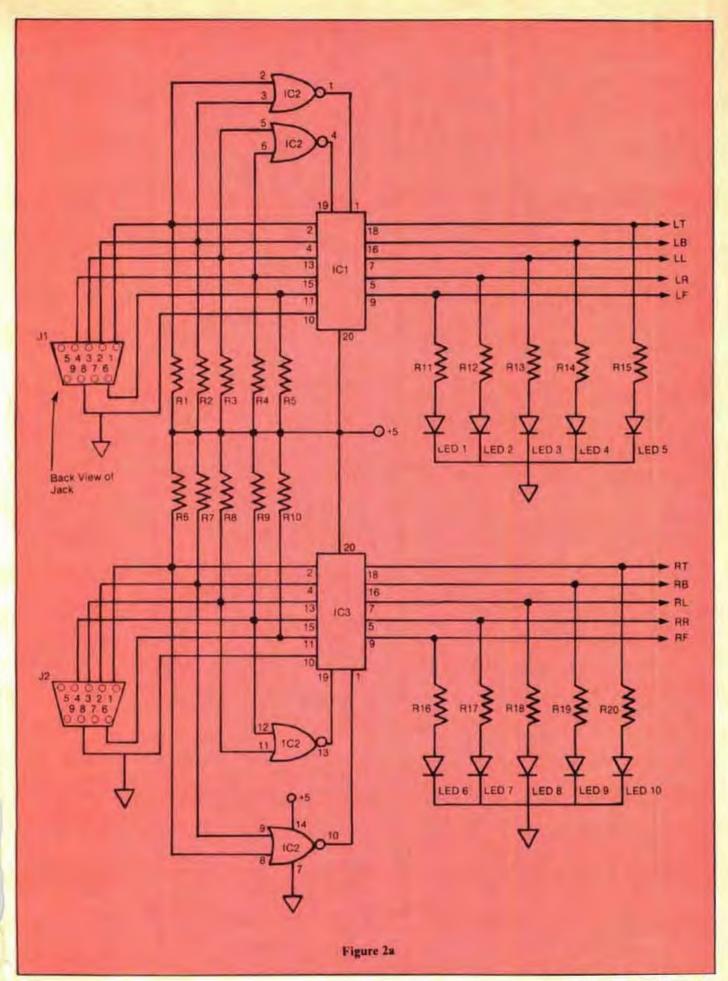
If the joystick is moved to the top position, pins I to 8 drop to approximately 900 ohms. This causes a voltage drop across resistor R5, which produces a logical zero on pin 2 of IC1 which, in turn, produces a logical one on pin 18. In the same manner, other positions of the joystick will do the same.

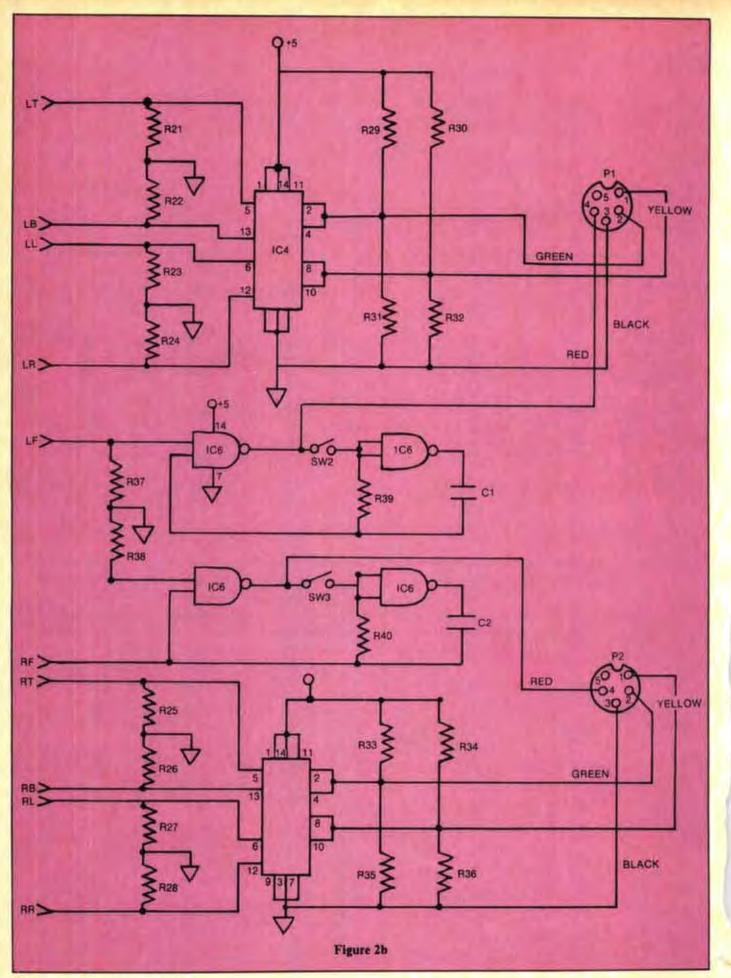
While experimenting with the wireless joystick, I found some conditions would cause random outputs of the wireless receiver. Left and right, top and bottom, or any combination could occur. This usually happened when the receiver was on without the joysticks being turned on, or when the joysticks were turned off without turning off the receiver.

Since the CoCo cannot tolerate this condition, I added IC2 and used IC1's control gate. IC2 is a quad 2 input NOR gate. Each section looks at opposites (top-bottom or left-right) and if opposites try to occur, it disables IC1's control gate which results in a zero output from IC1.

If, for example, wireless receiver pins I and 2 both go low (top and bottom







at the same time), pin 1 of IC2 goes high (logical one) putting a one on pin 1 on IC1, which disables IC1's gate for these inputs. The left and right inputs are handled in the same manner.

As an added frill, I put LEDs on the output of IC1 and arranged them physically to represent the positions of the joystick with "fire" in the center. (These LEDs are really not necessary, but I like a lot of lights.)

The position outputs of IC1 feed into IC4 which is a Quad Bilateral switch. This is where the logical ones and zeros will be converted to the analog voltages the CoCo needs. Refer to Figure 4.

With zero inputs on IC4, both electronic switches are open; therefore, since R29 = R31, they equally divide the +5 volts and this results in 2.5 volts to the CoCo joystick input. This is the center position.

When S1 receives a logical one, it closes, shorting out R29 which sends the +5 volts to the CoCo. This is the bottom or right position on the screen.

When S2 receives a logical one, it closes, shorting out R31, resulting in zero volts to the CoCo. This is the top or left position on the screen.

IC2 prevents a logical one from reaching both SI and S2 at the same time. As you can see, this would result in a short between the +5 and ground. Resistors R21-R28 are there as pull-down resistors to hold IC4's gate at zero with no input. Since R29-R39 form voltage dividers, they should be matched as closely as possible or your center position may be off a little.

For those of you who want centering, you could use a 100K "pot" with its wiper tied to pins 2 and 4, and its ends tied to +5 and ground, respectively, in place of R29 and R31, and the other voltage divider resistors in the circuit.

For the "fire" function, the CoCo wants a zero for a "fire" command and +5 volts for "no fire." Since I had to use another IC to invert the fire signal anyway, I thought that I would just as soon use the other two sections of the IC and add an "auto-fire" circuit.

IC6 is a quad 2 input NAND. Each half is used as a gated oscillator. Logical signal LF coming from IC1 is a logical one when you press the firebutton on the joystick. If SW2 is open, then this signal is inverted and sent to the CoCo. If SW2 is closed, the circuit oscillates and sends pulses to the CoCo, simulating pressing the firebutton rapidly.

Power from the CoCo is not used in this interface. The wireless joysticks you buy assume you already have an Atari CX2600 game computer. The wall mounted transformer/power supply plugs into the wireless receiver and the wireless receiver has a plug made to plug into the CX2600. This is a nine-volt power supply (center positive). I took the nine-volt DC out of the wireless receiver, brought it into the interface and regulated it down to +5 volts with a 7805 voltage regulator. Refer to Figure 5.

### Construction

Layout and wiring are not critical. Wire wrapping or point-to-point wiring and soldering is OK. I mounted the IC sockets on a perf board with solder pads and used point-to-point wiring. The circuit board was mounted in a small cabinet purchased at Radio Shack and the LEDs were mounted on the left and right sides and arranged to represent the positions of the joystick.

SWI, the power switch, was placed

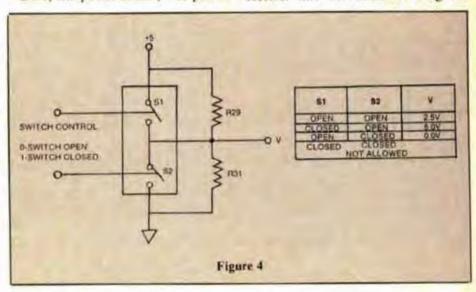
on the front center and the left and right auto-fire switches, SW2 and SW3 on each side of the power switch. Input jacks to accept the wireless receiver output plugs were placed on the back of the cabinet.

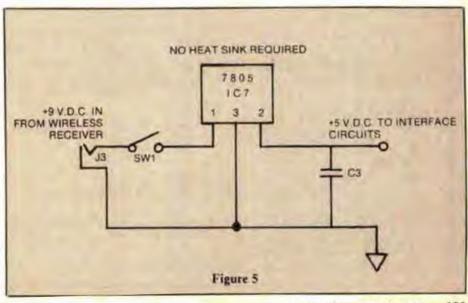
The part number specified for the Radio Shack joystick plugs includes a three-foot cable attached to the plug. The cable end was brought in through grommets in the rear panel. The power supply input jack was located in the rear.

### Testing and Checkout

Before installing any of the ICs, double-check your wiring against the schematic. Make sure you brought the +5 and common to all the required points. Install IC1, IC2 and IC3 only at this time.

Get out your wireless joystick and receiver and plug the output of the receiver into the interface. Plug the





Atari CX2600 power supply into the receiver and the power plug coming out of the receiver into the interface. Do not plug the interface output plug into the CoCo at this time. Turn on the joysticks and plug in the CX2600 power supply.

Now operate the joysticks and the LEDs that correspond to the joystick position should light up. Opposing LEDs (top-bottom or left-right) should not light up at the same time. Turning off either or both joysticks may cause random LED indication, but opposing lights should never come on.

Now turn off the interface and install IC4, 5 and 6. Care should be taken when handling these integrated circuits since they are of the CMOS type. Plug the output plugs from the interface into the CoCo. Turn on the CoCo and type in the program listing in Figure 6.

Now turn on the interface and run the program. When you operate the left

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Figure 6

and right joysticks, you should get the numbers for the various positions of the joystick as shown in the table in Figure 6. Pushing the left or right firebutton will give an indication of "fire right" or "fire left."

This completes the checkout of the

interface. If everything went as outlined above, you are ready to load one of your favorite games and start playing.

There are at least two wireless joysticks for the Atari and Commodore available. One is the RGA Model No. RGA-118, which sells for \$34.95. There is also another type made by Cynex Manufacturing Corporation which is called the Game Mate 2. I have the Game Mate 2 and it has a range of approximately 40 feet with reliable operation. Most of the popular games will work with these joysticks; however, some games that require a continuously variable analog input will not function properly.

The listing: JSTKTEST	100 IF F=126 THEN GOTO 140
2 REM JOYSTK TEST	110 IF F=254 THEN GOTO 140
5 CLS(1)	120 IF F=125 THEN GOTO 160
10 XR=JOYSTK(0)	130 IF F=253 THEN GOTO 160
20 YR=JOYSTK(1)	131 IF F=127 THEN GOTO 134
30 XL=JOYSTK(2)	132 IF F=255 THEN GOTO 134
40 YL=JOYSTK(3)	134 PRINT @ 192, "PUSH TO FIRE"
50 PRINT @ 256,"X RIGHT="; XR	135 GOTO 10
60 PRINT @ 320,"Y RIGHT="; YR	140 PRINT @ 192, "FIRE RIGHT"
70 PRINT @ 384,"X LEFT="; XL	150 GOTO 10
80 PRINT @ 448, "Y LEFT="; YL	160 PRINT @ 192, "FIRE LEFT"
90 F=PEEK (65280)	170 GOTO 10

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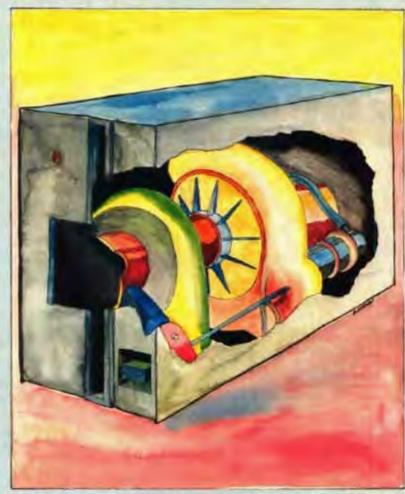
The story is different today. I have seen new double-sided, double-density 40-track disk drives for under \$100, less the controller which is around \$80, from the Radio Shack warehouse as a replacement part. There are at least other interfaces from other companies

Hence the problem: Only a single side will be accessed if double-sided drives are used. Also, track-to-track access time, with the Disk BASIC, will be an incredibly slow 30 milliseconds.

Here is a solution to the problem! This program will allow you to buy any type of plug compatible 40-track disk drive and tailor the Disk BASIC to your needs. All that is required is for your computer to have 64K of RAM, or for you to burn your own EPROM and use it in the disk controller.

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### By Dennis Bironas



The modification requires you to run the BASIC program called CHARGER. You will then be prompted for answers. You will be able to change the Baud

rate and to use either single- or doublesided disk drives at a six or 12 millisecond step rate.

Not included in the options of my

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program is the ability to use Disk BASIC instead of 35, add these lines:

The listings are included so you may for 40 tracks. If you want 40 tracks type them in and add, delete, and generally modify them to suit your

POKE&HC180,40:POKE&HD572,40:POKE&HD595,40 PDKE&HD35F, 78: PDKEC708, 78: PDKE&HC788, 78 POKE&HCZA0.28:POKE&HCZBF.28:POKE&HCC4C.28 POKE&HCOD9, 78: POKE&HD446, 39: POKE&HC72A, 1

Listing I: CHARGER 10 DEFUSR1=&HEDO 20 CLS 30 PRINT"DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE P RINTER 40 INPUT"BAUD RATE (Y.N)"|Q\$ 50 IF Q\$="Y" THEN BO 60 IF Q\$="N" THEN 250 70 GOTO 20 80 CLS 90 PRINT"PICK YOUR PRINTER BAUD" 100 PRINT"1) 300" 110 PRINT"2) 600" 120 PRINT"3) 1200" 130 PRINT"4) 2400" 140 PRINT"5) 4800" 150 INPUT"6) 9600"1B 160 IF B=0 THEN 80 170 IF B=1 THEN POKE150, 180 180 IF B=2 THEN POKE150,87 190 IF B=3 THEN POKE 150,41 200 IF 8=4 THEN POKE150.18 210 IF B=5 THEN POKE150,7 220 IF B=6 THEN POKE 150,1 230 IF B>6 THEN BO 240 DEF USR1=&HE00 250 CLS 260 PRINT"INPUT YOUR CHOICE" 270 PRINT"1) DS 6MS DRIVES 286 PRINT"2) DS 12 MS DRIVES 290 PRINT"3) SS 6MS DRIVES 300 INPUT"4) SS 12 MS DRIVES"; K 310 IF K=0 THEN 250 320 IF K>4 THEN 250 330 ON K GOTO 340,350,360,370 340 LOADM"BOOT6": GOTO380 350 LOADM"BOOT": GOTO 380 360 LOADM"95DC6": GOTO380 370 LOADM"SSDC": GOTO380 380 X=USR1(0)

Listing 2	: SDC				
0E00		00100	ORG	\$0E00	
OEOO CC	0600	00110	LDD	#SECO	
003 00	72	00140	SID	572	
0E05 7F	DEFF	00150 START	CLR	SDEFF	TEST IF IN ALL RAM MODE
0E08 85	AA	00160	LDA	#SAA	The same and the same
DEOA B7	DELL	00170	STA	SDFFF	
OEOD BI	DFFF	00180	CHEA	SDFFF	
0E10 27	17	00190	BEO	RAMODE	ALREADY IN RAH HODE

needs. You will have to input the machine language programs either with pokes or by assembling them and saving them on disk as follows:

Program Name	Used As		
BOOT6	DS 6 ms		
BOOT	DS 12 ms		
SSDC6	SS 6 ms		
SSDC	SS 12 ms		

The data starting at locations E3A and E50 should be changed to \$0115 if a 12 ms step is required.

The data staring at locations E42 and E59 should be changed to \$121212 if single-sided drives are used.

This program at least allows you to buy the kind of disk drive you want, or as your economics dictate. Today you can buy a double-sided drive as inexpensively as you can a single-sided. I am sure you will learn that with the CoCo, you are not bound to Tandy's disk drives. CoCo users are indeed a fortunate breed!

Super-Disk Charger automatically checks to see which version of DOS you have. This means new users and oldtimers alike will be able to use the CHARGER with no modifications to your machines. (I understand that Version 1.2 DOS will be available soon.)

Type in (with the CHARGER in Drive() RUN "CHARGER". The program is menu driven. You may select your Baud rate and disk step rate from the menu. DS means double-sided: SS means single-sided. Therefore, you may select double-sided or single-sided disk drives for a six or 12 ms step rate. Normal power-up step rate is 30 ms. Wow! That's an increase of 2.5 to 6 times faster.

In a bad case calculation with the head resting on Track 35, the head would have to move to Track 17 to find where the program resides on the disk, then go there. If it had to go back to Track 35, it would take 1.08 seconds for the head to get where it had to go and to pull off the program.

This doesn't sound like a lot of time, does it? When you're in a hurry, one second can seem like a century. Another example is the track-to-track time. If you initialize a new disk or try to make a backup, you might wait an extra three or four seconds.

One side of the diskette in Drive 0 becomes Drive 0, while the other side of the same diskette becomes Drive 2. One side of the diskette in Drive I becomes Drive I, while the other side

OEIZ		50	00200	DRGC	#\$50	DISABLE PIRO+IR
OE14	1000	8000	00210	LDX	#\$8000	POINT TO EXTENDED BASIC
0E17		B4 FFDF	00220 LOOP 00230	CLR	SPEDE	GET ROM DATA SET TO MAP TYPE 1
OELC		61	00240	STD	X++	SAVE ROM DATA TO RAM MIRROR
BIE		FFOE	00250	CLR	SFFDE	SELECT ROM MAP TYPE D
0E21	BC	DEFF	00260	CHEX	#SDEFF	END OF ROM 7
0224		FI	00270	BCS	LOOP	
0826		FFDF	00280	CLR	SFFDF	YES. CHANGE TO ALL RAM HODE
0E29	1000	2828	00290 RAHODE	LDD	#\$2B2B	NEW PROMPT SYNNOL
OE2C	10000	ABEE	00300	STD	SABEE	HODIFY BASIC 'OK'
DEZF DE31		30 C142	00310	LDA	#530	not used ton 1 0
DE34		17	00320	CHPA	\$C142 DOS	DOS VERSION 1.0
0E36		AC	00340	BSR	CLEAR	CLEAR SCREEN
0E38	-	0014	00350	LDD	#50014	6 MS. RESTORE AND HOME
DE3B		D7C0	00360	STA	SD7CO	\$0015 FOR 12 MS.
DE3E	F7	BAL6	00370	STB	50516	Acres Market nes
DE41	CC	4142	00380	LDD	Ø\$4142	POR DOUBLE SIDED DRIVES
DE44	ED:	D89F	00390	STD	SDB9F	
		0139	00400	LDY	#\$C139	
OE4B		11	00410	BRA	1100	Water State Alle
QE4D	~~~	35	00420 DOS	BSR	CLEAR	CLEAR SCREEN
DE4F		0014	00430	LDD	#\$0014	6 MS. RESTORE
0E52		D6CD D723	00440	STA	\$D6CD	POR DOS VERSION 1.0
0E58		4142	00460	LDD	\$D723 #64142	DOUBLE SIDED DRIVES
DE5B		DZAC	00470	STD	SD7AC	SOURCE STATE DELATED
OE5E	-	8D 0033	DO48D HOD	LEAX	TABLE,	CR GET MESSAGE BEG. ADDR
0E62		00	00490	LDA	#sop	CARRIGE RETURN CODE
0E64	80	28	00500 HODA	BSR	OUTCH	OUTPUT CR
0E66	Λ6	80	00510 MODE	LDA	,X+	OUTPUT HESSAGE
DE68	81	04	00520	CHPA	#4	END OF MESSAGE ?
OE6A	200	02	00530	BEQ	END	YES
DE6C	10.0	¥6	00540	BRA	MODA	NO
DEGE	-	E3	00550 END	CLR	\$E3	SETUP FOR AUTO RESTART
0E70 0E72		E4 FF03	00560	LDA	SE4 SFF03	AFTER RESET IS PUSHED
0E75	-	01	00580	ORA	#1	
0E77	-	EPO3	00590	STA	SFF03	
OE7A	127.00	6F	00600	CLR	56F	IRQ DISABLE
DE7C		AD33	00610	JSR	SADE	RESHT STACK
DE7F	100	AF	00620	ANDCC	PSAF	The state of the s
0E81	78	AU73	00630	JMP	\$AC73	RESTART BASIC
0284		0400	00640 CLEAR	LDX	#\$400	BEGINNING OF DISPLAY
0287	~~	60	00650	LDA	#\$60	SPACE CODE
0889		80	00660 CLEAR1	STA	,X+	PUT SPACES IN THE DISPLAY
DEBB	-	0600	00670	CHPX	#\$600	END OF DISPLAY 7
OESE OESO	1700	ka.	00680	BME	CLEAR1	NO
0591	12000	9F A002	00700 OUTCH	RIS	RETURN 1 CAOD 2 1	BASIC OUTPUT
0E95	Q.D.	4D	00710 TABLE	FCC		CONNECTION "
DEA6		20	00720	FCC	* 1985	
CEAD		OD	00730	FCB	\$00	
SABO		42	00740	FCC	"BY D.K	BIRONAS "
GEED		00	00750	FCB	\$00	
DEBE		52	00760	FCC	"RR# 2	
OEC4		OD	00770	FCB	\$00	and the second second
OEC5		46	00780	FCC		ORT, INDIANA"
OED7		20	00790	FCC	" 46041	
DEDE		00	00800	FCB	\$0D \$0D	
DEED		53	00820	FCC	"SUPER-	DISY"
DEEA		0p	00830	FCB	SOD	STANCE .
OKED		43	00840	FCC	"CHARGE	R 1.3"
OEF6		OD	00850	FCB	50p	
OEF7		04	00860	FCB	4	
		0000	00870	END		

of the same diskette becomes Drive 3. Try this: Put a diskette with programs on it in Drive 0 and type in DSKINI2. After the formatting is complete, type in BACKUP @ TD 2. Now, do a DIR@ THEN DIR2. Got the idea? The bottom line is that the other side of the diskette becomes another drive number.

One last thought to consider: You should realize a marked decrease in disk drive mechanically generated noise; most of the noise is generated from the head drive mechanism. You should use your disk drive at or near its speed capability — they will last longer.

By the way, you can permanently change your step rate by comparing the old DOS with the CHARGED DOS and making the changes in EPROM. That is perfectly legal for you to do, but not for me to do for you.

My system has none of the original ROMs, as I have changed each ROM so my system is automatically configured on "power up." It really gets to be a pain when you have to do several PEEKs and POKEs every time you power down.

Let me know how useful this program is to you. Drop me a line and let me know what else you are interested in. I will only consider serious software suggestions.

I also have a double-sided, plated through holes, gold plated edge connector EPROM programmer circuit board with software for \$30 plus postage. It will cost you about another \$30 for the parts to build it. For information on the programmer, send \$2 to:

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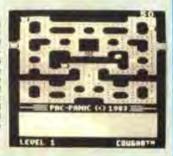




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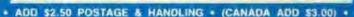


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  Cassette and disk files are completely compatible.

  The program is menu driven.

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  Records may be guickly alphabetized.

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  Records may be reordered (ranked) based on test scores or other
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The game is deceptively simple. You select the size of the playing field that is composed of from 8 to 100 numbers. You must then choose numbers

that will give you the maximum number of points and the computer the least number of points. There are only 6 rules.

- 1. Any number that you chose must have at least one factor still on the playing field.
- 2. You receive points equal to the face value of the number that you chose.
- 3. The computer receives points equal to the face value of all of the remaining factors of the number that you chose.
- 4. All of the numbers that were awarded to you or to the computer are removed from the field.
- 5. The game continues until there are no numbers with factors remaining.
- 6. At the end the computer receives points equal to the value of all of the numbers.

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ESTIMATE is a program designed to help children to practice estimating the answers to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems on the Color Computer it has many features that make its use particularly attractive.

- . Up to 5 students may use the program at the same time.
- . There are 5, user modifiable, skill levels
- . The acceptable percent error may be changed as a student's skill improves.
- · A timer measures the number of seconds used to answer each problem and the total time used for a series of problems
- · If a problem has been answered incorrectly, the student is told the percent error and asked to try again.
- . If a problem is answered incorrectly a second time, the student is lold the correct answer and the range of acceptable answers is displayed.
- . A report is given at the end of each set of problems that includes the number of problems done, the number of problems answered correctly on the first try and the average percent error.
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INTEGERS is a series of four programs designed to give students practice in working with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and the comparison of integers. It has many features that make a very valuable tool for introducing and/or maintaining skills.

- . Up to 4 students may use the program at the same time.
- . There are 9, user modifiable, skill levels.
- · Students are given two opportunities to answer a problem.
- · A detailed report of student performance, including number correct on first try, number wrong, total lime used and percentage score, is presented at the end of a series of problems.
- . The programs will run on a 16K TRS-80 Color. Computer with or without disk drive.

Four distinct problem formats are presented. The first presents problems in this format: - 12 + -9 - ? The second program presents a problem with missing numerals in this format: -7 -? = 18. The third program presents a problem with a missing sign: 8 - 76 = 14. The last program asks the student to determine the relationship ( = , < or >) between two statements 3 -9 (??) -4 -5.

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### PRE-ALGEBRA II

The second PRE-ALGEBRA PACK is composed of two programs, EQUATION SOLVER AND EQUATION DUEL, that are designed to give students practice in using and solving equations. It has many features that make a very valuable tool for introducing and/or maintaining skills:

- . In both programs students may choose the range of numerical values that will be included in the equations so that the difficulty may change as their skill increases.
- . In EQUATION SOLVER the computer secretely generates a random equation, shows the numbers that it used in the equation and the answer and challenges the student to create his/her own equation that uses the same numbers and results in the same answer
- . In EQUATION DUEL the student and the computer race to see who will be the first to create an equation from the same set of random numbers
- · Both programs give detailed reports of the student's and the computer's performance in creating and solving equations including time used, score and percentage correct.

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Appearing before the Houston Society of Financial Analysts, Sy Schoen, the manager of Litton's artificial intelligence program, said that he foresees applications in marketing, planning, production management, customer service, and in further automating a company's facilities.

Currently under development at Litton are programs in image analysis to aid experts in studying surveillance photographs, and the enhancement of radar identification of multiple aircraft.

FLEXING AGAIN — Frank Hogg Laboratory (FHL) and Technical Systems Consultants (TSC) have entered into an agreement making FHL a nationwide distributor of TSC's FLEXbased software.

Now available through FHL dealers are such programs as: 68000 Cross Assembler, Text Editor, Pascal, X-BASIC and Diagnostics for 6809.

SOFTWARE ON VIDEO TAPE

Creative Technical Consultants (CTC) has introduced a catalog/video tape of CoCo products for teachers which make it possible for them to preview educational software. The tape takes the instructor through each program as a student would see it — from the title screen, through the menu, over some sample problems, and finally to the scoring and reward displays.

CTC says the video tape solves the preview privilege vs. piracy software problem the company has encountered in the past since all of its educational programs are written in BASIC. Teachers may preview the programs at no charge;

the tape must be returned in 30 days. Write to 166 Sangre de Cristo, P.O. Box 652, Cedar Crest, NM 87008.

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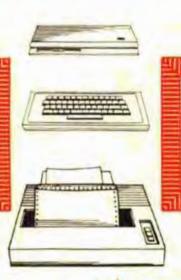


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# More Patches For EDTASM

By W.C. Clements, Jr.

powerful package. In some ways, it is a major improvement over the old cartridge program. The program disk holds two versions: regular EDTASM, which works much like the original program, and an overlay version that frees memory by reading in, or "overlaying," sections of the code as they are needed rather than keeping the whole thing in memory at once.

The overlay version is especially valuable to the serious machine language programmer because it allows the source file to be broken up into several separate units for editing and storage to disk. They can then be assembled together using the INCLUDE command. I have used this feature to assemble, in a single pass, source files

that total more than 2100 lines; try that with a run-of-the-mill editor/assembler!

Roger Schrag has written several articles in THE RAINBOW that presented some very useful patches for the original, cassette-based version of EDTASM+. Those modifications gave CoCo owners a fine disk-oriented, program-development tool even before Radio Shack brought out their Disk EDTASM+, and many readers, including myself, have benefited greatly from Schrag's work.

An irritating feature of all versions of EDTASM+ has always been the relentless one-byte-per-line listing of the ASCII equivalents of each character in every FCC (Form Character Code) string. That listing wastes considerable paper when printing an assembly, and gives little or no useful information.

Big jobs especially tend to have lots of prompts or other titled output, for which the original operation of the FCC pseudo-op effectively discourages getting a printed listing at all, Schrag fixed this "FCC bug" in the original ED-TASM+ by poking an RTS op code into the routine that printed those bytes (see the March 1984 RAINBOW for his fix, Page 160).

Radio Shack and Microsoft didn't fix the "FCC bug" when they brought out the newer Disk EDTASM+, unfortunately. I'll give you the proper locations to insert Schrag's fix for the regular file (named EDTASM) and also for the overlay version (EDTASMOV), both of which are part of the Disk ED-TASM+ package from Radio Shack.

To fix the FCC bug, first place the program disk in your drive, type LOADM "EDTASM" and ENTER. Then type POKE &H3C04.&H39, ENTER and save the file back to another formatted disk using SAVEM "EDTASM".&H1600.&H4A 2F.&H1600 ENTER. The procedure to fix the overlay version is similar: LOADM "EDTASMOV" and ENTER; POKE &H4048.&H39 and ENTER; SAVEM "EDTASMOV".&H1600.&H512F.&H1600 and ENTER.

These modifications have made Disk EDTASM+ a far greater pleasure to use for all sizes of jobs. Thanks to Roger Schrag for inspiring the fixes listed here. They've saved me a good half-box of paper over the last year.

(Any questions about these modifications may be directed to Mr. Clements at P.O. Box 2662, University, AL 35486, phone (205) 348-6450.)

(Dr. Bill Clements, a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Alabama, designs peripherals and programs for his department's student computer facility (all CoCos). His major interests are in process control and microcomputer applications.)

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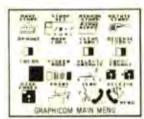
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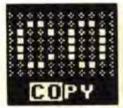
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typing

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### What's A CoCo

CoCo is an affectionate name which was first given to the TRS-80 Color Computer by its many lans, users and owners. As such, it is almost a generic term for three computers, all of which are very much alike.

When we use the term CoCo, we refer to the TRS-80 Color Computer, the TDP System-100 Computer and the Dragon-32 Computer, it is easier than using the three "given" names throughout the

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In most cases, when a specific computer is mentioned, the application is for that specific computer, Flowever, since the TDP System-100 and TRS-80 Color are, for all purposes, the same computer in a different case, these terms are almost always interchangeable.

### The Rainbow Check Plus



The small boxes that you see accompanying programs in the THERAINBOW are the "Check system." which is designed to help you type in programs accurately.

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reach the end of one of those lines with your typing, simply check to see if the numbers match.

To use the Rainbow Check PLUS, type in the program and SAVE it for later use, then type in the command RUN and press ENTER. Once the program has run, type NEW ENTER to remove it from the area where the program you're typing in will

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Now whenever you press the down arrow key, your CoCo will give you the checksum based on the length and content of the program in memory. This is to check against the numbers printed in THE RAINBOW. If your number is different check the listing carefully to be sure that you typed in the correct BASIC program code. For more details on this helpful utility, rater to H. Allen Curtis article on Page 21 of the February 1984 BAINBOW.

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28 CLEAR 25.X-1

38 X=256\*PEEN (35)+178

48 FOR 2=X TO X+27

SE READ Y:W=W+Y:PRINT Z.V:W

GO POKE Z. YINEXT

PR IFW= 2985 THENBOEL SEPRINT

"DATA ERROR": STOP

BO EXEC K: ENG

90 0ATA 192, 1, 106, 167, 140, 60, 134 100 DATA 125, 183, 1, 106, 190, 1, 107 110 DATA 175, 140, 50, 48, 140, 4, 191

120 DATA 1, 107, 57, 129, 10, 36, 36 130 DATA 52, 22, 79, 158, 25, 230, 129

140 DATA 39, 12, 171, 128, 171, 128 150 DATA 230, 132, 38, 250, 46, 1, 32

162 DATA 246, 183, 2, 222, 48, 140, 14

170 DATA 159, 166, 166, 132, 28, 254

188 DATA 189, 173, 198, 53, 22, 126, 8 198 DATA 8, 135, 255, 134, 48, 55

200 DATA 51. 52. 41. 8

### **Using Machine Language**

Machine Language programs are one of the features of THERAINBOW. There are a number of ways to "get" these programs into memory so that you can operate them.

The easiest way is by using an Editor-Assembler, a program you can purchase

from a number of sources

An editor-assembler allows you to enter mnemonics into your CoCo and then have the editor-assembler assemble them into specific instructions that are understood by the 6809 chip that controls your computer.

When you use an editor-assembler, all you have to do, essentially, is copy the relevant instructions from THE RAINBOWS listing into CoCo.

Another method of getting an assembly language listing into CoCo is called "hand assembly." As the name implies, you do the assembly by hand. This can sometimes cause problems when you have to set up an ORIGIN statement or an EQUATE. In short, you have to know something about assembly to hand assemble some programs.

Use the following program if you wish to hand assemble machine language

istings:

IN CLERRZON, AHSFOR: I-AHSFOR 20 PRINT PRODRESS: THEXS(1):

30 INPUT "BYTE" : BS

48 POKE 1 , VAL [ "EH ++ 85]

S# [=1+1:GOTO 28

This program assumes you have a 16K CoCo. If you have 32K, change the ware in Line 10 to stores.

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# Chopin's Minute Waltz

By Eugene Vasconi

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even to the dynamics.

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(Eugene Vasconi is a free-lance television producer in the Dallas area, Interested in the music and graphics aspects of the Color Computer, he received his undergraduate degree in music and holds a master's in telecommunications.)



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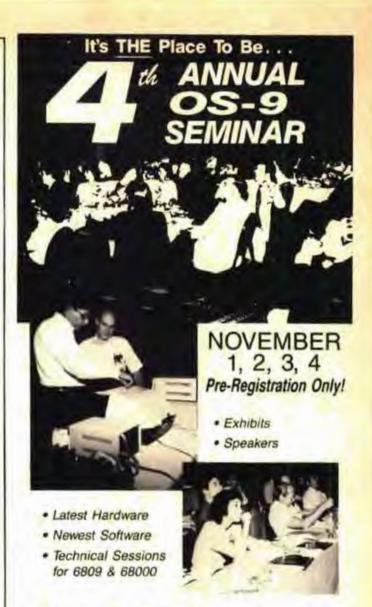
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100 IF A=2 THEN GOTO 103

101 PLAY"L504F"

102 IF A=1 THEN GOTO 90

103 PLAY"V21L403A-L32A-01A-P16P8 L6402G-A-03CP64P16P803E-D2G-A-03 CP16P8 A-02G-A-03CP16P802G-A-03C P64P16P8E02G-A-03CP16P8 V24L32A-02D-P16P8A-03D-P16P8L64F02A-03D-P64P16P8"

104 PLAY"V28L3204F01A-P16P8L6402 A-03D-FP64P16P804F02A-03D-FP16P8 L1602E-P16P8L6402A-03CG-P64P16P 8B-02A-03CG-P16P8 L3204F01A-P16P 8L6402A-03E-G-P64P16P804C02A-03E -G-P16P8"

105 PLAY"L3204E-02D-P16P8L6402A-03D-FP64P16P804D-02A-03D-FP16P8 L3204C02FP8L1604E-P64L6402A-03D-FP64P16L1604D-P16L6402A-03D-FL16 B-P32P8 L32A-01CP16P802G-A-P16P8 L6403E-02G-A-P64P16P8"

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107 PLAY"L3204C02C04DC03B04CP16L 6403B02A-03CFP16P804C02A-03CFP16 P8 L3204A-01CP16P8L6403B-02G03CE P16P8 L804GP8L3203A01FP16P8L8V24 04G-P8L6403A-02F03CP64P16P8"

108 PLAY"L8V2004FP803FP88-P8"

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111 PLAY"L3204A-E-02D-P32P8L6404 D-02A-03D-FP16P804C02A-03D-FP16P B L3204A-E-02FP32P8L6404D-02A-03 D-FP16P802A-03D-FP64P16L8B- L320 4A-03A-02CP32P8G-A-P16P8L6403E-0 2G-A-P64P16P8:XF\$:"

112 PLAY"L3204A-03A-01BP32PBL640 2FA-03E-P64P16PBF02FA-03E-P16PB L3204F01B-P16PBL6402FA-03DP64P16 P802FA-03DP64P16PB L3204F02E-P16 P803D-GP16PBL64B-D-GP64P16PB L40 4E-L3203D-G-P16PBL64AD-G-P64P16PB"

113 PLAY"L6402A-L804E-T5P64P32P1 6L6403CG-L8A-P32P16T3V24L804DP8 T2L4FE-T1L2V29D4A-P8"

114 PLAY"V18"

115 FORX=1T04: PLAY"V+T603L8A-B-A
-B-A-B-": NEXTX

116 PLAY"V22L803GA-04C03B-GA-04C V2603B-GA-04C03B-GA-04C03B-GA-04C03B-GA-V2 804C03B-GA-04C03B-GA-V2 804C03B-GA-04C03B-GA-V2 804C03B-GA-04C03B-": A=0: GOT0B7 117 PLAY"V30T5L2405E-01G-L1205D-C04B-L6403D-E-B-L12V2605A-G-FE-D-C04B-A-G-FE-V22T4D-C03B-T3L64A0 1AP32PBL16D4CPBL6403B-02G-A-P64P 16T2L8V2503FL6402G-A-L8.03G-L4V2 8CL32T2V3001V28D-L203D-"

118 FORX=1T015:PLAY"L12502FA-03F
":NEXTX

119 FORX=1T0900: NEXTX

120 COLOR5.5

121 FORX=4T0184

122 LINE (6, X) - (250, X) , PSET

123 PLAY"L25005B-B"

124 NEXTX

125 PLAY"L255V3101CC#CC#CC#CC#"

126 FORX=1T0400: NEXTX

127 PLAY"L18001D-FA-02D-FA-03D-F A-04D-FA-05D-FA-"

128 SCREENØ, Ø

129 CLS(0): FORX=1TO600: NEXTX

130 PRINTe133, "FOR ENCORE PRESS

131 PP\$=INKEY\$

132 IF PP\$="P" THEN GOTO 1

133 IF PP\$="Q" THEN GOTO 135

134 GOTO 131

135 CLS:PRINT@0,"BYE !":SOUND1,1

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# The One Great Secret To Assembly Language

By R. Bartly Betts Rainbow Contributing Editor With Programs By Chris Bone

ast month I said I would use this column to provide answers to your questions and cut down on my correspondence load. It isn't working; I am only getting more letters! I appreciate hearing from you, but \_\_\_ ah well, there are penalties for being famous (or infamous).

In any case, if you don't hear from me soon after you write, it may be I have a pile of letters to answer before I come to yours, or it may be that I will try to answer your letter in the column, or it may be you didn't provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I haven't refused to answer a letter lacking return postage yet, but I may have to begin — four or five dollars a week can add up.

Following are the answers to this month's questions and comments:

1) Although no one has actually asked, "What is the one great secret of

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assembly language?", Chris said he feels many readers are searching for the answer to such a question. I agree with him, and so present the following great secret:

There is no secret to assembly language. Proficiency comes through hard work. If you apply yourself for several hours a day, you can probably be an adequate programmer in a year's time. In three to five years you can probably be a good programmer and begin to compete with some of the better software authors.

This column will not make you into a good programmer, no matter how long it continues. Its purpose is to get you started and over the rough spots.

Now that I have said that, let me encourage you a bit. It does not take a year to become familiar with assembly language; a few weeks will do. It does not take a year to learn to enter programs another person wrote; a few days will do.

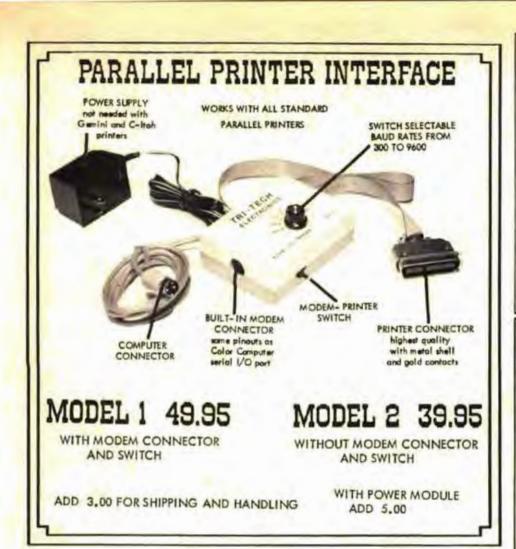
But assembly language programming is a profession and, if you want to do it well, you must work at it in the same manner as any other profession. 2) I have received a letter from Shawn Jack, If you remember, he was one of the programmers who sent in an answer to the initial "Byte Master" challenge of changing 'A's to asterisks. It seems I misread his address; he lives in Goreville, Illinois, not Ooreville.

3) I have received several requests for back copies of my articles. I am afraid it is a request I cannot fill. The first time I was asked, my reaction was, "why not?" Then I realized that doing so is probably illegal. While I have copies of my articles, they have been sold to THE RAINBOW and I have no more right to copy and distribute them than anyone else.

I also do not have time. It would probably take a couple of hours to make copies of all my articles. If 10 people asked me for copies, that is 20 hours. My wife and family can think of lots of other things for me to do with 20 hours.

4) I also received a request for an "editor/assembler." This is a software product that is sold by Radio Shack and other companies. There are several editor/assembler packages on the market, but I am afraid I know of none that are available as "public domain" packages (programs available to anyone free of charge).

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assembler and do not have the money to buy one, the best I can offer is the BASIC program from last month's article, and/or a monitor program from past issues of THE RAINBOW. I gave some pointers for using these methods in the last column.

5) As far as I know, the 51-column Bytescreen program will work with any Color Computer configuration. I have heard from readers who have used it on nearly all versions of computers, ROMs and accessories. If you have problems, let us know and we will either fix them or at least warn others.

6) Chris and I are extremely interested in any upgrades you make to the Bytescreen program. Chris is working on several upgrades to the program. If you have made, or do make improvements you would like to share with other readers, please submit them. We have already received one upgrade that, if the author is willing, will be included in the next column. I think it would be great to continue this until we develop a super program.

 There do seem to be problems with the Find program introduced by this column. It doesn't seem to work on all BASIC programs. If Chris or I ever get time, we will try to fix it. It seems to crash only after it has done its job, so perhaps it still helps.

Assembly Help

Last month's column mainly dealt with how to translate source code listings into machine language. Because of the trouble many readers seem to be having. I have decided to give equal time to those of you with editor/assemblers. I will try to not repeat what has already been said in previous columns, but expand on it to help those who are still having trouble.

The difficulties seem to be in the area of assembling, after listings have been typed, and knowing where to put inmemory assemblies. The information in this column will deal with the ED-TASM+ program. This is for two reasons: EDTASM+ is what I use and, judging from the questions and letters I receive, it is what you are using. So far, I have not heard from anyone using another assembler.

### Those Bad 'Bad' Errors

As you know from reading your

manual, the cartridge version of ED-TASM+ resides between memory location SC000 and SDFFF. If you have a 16K computer, you have RAM memory from \$600 to \$3FFF for your program storage. If you have a 32K computer, you have RAM memory from \$600 to \$7FFF for storage.

However, in order to keep track of variables and labels, EDTASM+ must use some of that memory. First, it reserves \$200 bytes for variables buffers and stacks at the bottom of the available memory. Second, as you write programs, the edit buffer grows from the bottom of the memory upward. Third, storage space is allocated for all symbols in your program and their corresponding values.

As you can see, writing programs causes allocated memory to expand upward, decreasing the room you have available for in-memory assemblies. Depending on the RAM size of your computer, you can enter programs which use so much of that RAM, there is not sufficient room to assemble the program in memory. When this happens, you get the familiar "bad memory" error message. I have had



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How can you tell if you have enough room to assemble a program in memory? Well, the easiest way is to try assembling it without an DRS line. This causes EDTASM+ to begin assembling the program at the first available memory location. If you get a "bad memory" error with this procedure, there simply is not room.

When there is not room, or you must assemble a program in an area that is already used by EDTASM+, an alternative is to assemble the program to tape or disk. Exit EDTASM+ and load the program using CLOADM and EXEC. However, be sure you save the source listing before doing this, then if it doesn't work the first time, you will not have to type the listing again.

### It's Worse with Disk

If you have the disk version of EDTASM+, everything operates in the same manner as previously described except EDTASM+ is not resident between \$C000 and \$DFFF. In fact, it is resident in your RAM and this poses a special problem. You now have much less free RAM for buffers and storage. You are even more likely to get the "bad memory" error. You are sacrificing a great deal of memory for the advantage of disk speed.

There is little you can do to overcome the "bad memory" error other than what I have suggested. If you have a 16K computer, you can upgrade to 32K. You can also hope someone will write a 64K editor/assembler for those of us who have fully upgraded machines.

If you must assemble programs in EDTASM+'s buffer and stack area, EDTASM+ provides a "MO" (manual origin) switch you can use to change the location of the buffer and the normal beginning of in-memory assemblies. This switch is described in the EDTASM+ manual with step-by-step instructions

While this process lets you change the automatic DRG location, it does not add more room for assemblies. If you were out of room before, you will be out of room after implementing MO.

### The Assembly

The other most common problem seems to be with the assembly process itself. For that reason I have written a simple program (Listing I), and will go through the entire typing, checking,

saving and executing process.

If you are familiar with all of this, have patience with those who are not. After hearing the trouble others were having, I went through the books I have and found there is no one place that explains the process. I also remember having similar problems when I first began.

A prompt asks you for the filename; type REVER and ENTER. You are prompted to ready the tape recorder. Insert a tape, position it where you want, press the Play and Record keys, then press ENTER.

To save the listing on disk, type W REVER and ENTER, You have now saved the source code and can safely attempt

00090	ORG	\$800	*PROGRAM ASSEMBLY LOCATION
00100 START	LDX	#5400	*BEGINNING OF TEXT SCREEN MEMORY
00110 LOOP	LDD	- 2500-600	*LOAD D WITH VALUE AT X
00120	EDEA	#64	*EXCLUSIVE OF A
TO THE REAL PROPERTY.	Contract of the Contract of th	The state of the s	CONTRACTOR
00130	EOKA	164	*EXCLUSIVE OR R
00140	STD	, T++	*STORE D INTO LOCATION AT X
00150	CHEX	#868G	*CHECK FOR IND OF TEXT SCREEN
00160	BNE	LOOP	FIF NOT END, DO AGAIN
00170	BTS		*END PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to reverse everything on the text screen. It does this by loading Register X with the beginning location of the text screen. The value pointed to by 'X' is then loaded into Register D (registers A and B). An exclusive OR operation is performed on registers A and B, then Register D is stored back into the screen location pointed to by 'X.' Register X is incremented, and this process is continued until the end of the screen is reached at \$5FF.

To type in the program, load ED-TASM+; either plug in your ROM pack or load the program from diskette. When EDTASM+ is operating, press 190 ENTER. The first line number 90 appears on the left of the screen. Because there is no label in the first column of this line, press the right-arrow key to skip one column to the right. Now type ORG and press the right arrow again and type \$E00 ENTER.

Notice that you do not need to type the comments (text that follows an asterisk). The comments are for your instruction only and have nothing to do with the operation of the assembler.

When you press ENTER, the cursor drops to the next screen line. Now type the label name START and press the right arrow. Type each column text and data as you did for Line I.

After all of the lines are typed in, you are ready to assemble the program. However, it is a good idea to first make sure that if something goes wrong, you do not have to type in the program again. To do this, save the listing you have typed to disk or tape.

To save it to tape, type W and ENTER.

other processes without fear of losing what you have typed.

### Program Checking

You may wish to check the program before you assemble the listing to tape or disk. You can do this by assembling it in memory. The DRG line of the listing directs the assembly to \$E00. To assemble the program in memory, type A/IM/WE. The 'A' is the command to assemble a listing, "IM" is a switch telling the assembler to assemble the listing in memory, and "WE" is a switch telling the assembler to stop if it encounters an error.

Assembly in memory tells you if there are any errors in the program that are incompatible with EDTASM+; it puts the program where it is meant to reside and from where you can give it a trial run. If any errors are encountered, the program stops after printing the offending line.

It also tells you what the error is so you can correct it. To correct a line, type E followed immediately by the line number, for instance E120 (you do not need to include the preceding zeros in a line number). You can then space through the line with the space bar and use the normal Extended BASIC editing commands to fix the error and attempt another assembly.

When the listing is correct, the assembler lists the entire assembly to the screen, ending with a display indicating zero errors and the names of the labels used in the listing.

### Zooming in ZBUG

You can now do further checks on

your program by using your editor, assembler's ZBUG features. To enter ZBUG, type Z and ENTER.

One way to try out the program is to type GSTART and ENTER. The 'G' is a command telling ZBUG to execute a program, "START" is the label indicating the beginning line of your program and where to begin execution. If all works, the screen will be reversed in a twinkling of an eye.

If the program crashes or doesn't work properly, you can sometimes recover it by pressing BREAK or the Reset button. If neither of these actions bring EDTASM+ back, you will have to shut the computer off and reload EDTASM+, then reload the listing you have saved.

You reenter the edit mode from ZBUG by typing E and ENTER. If you had a total crash, reload EDTASM+ and then reload your listing by typing L ENTER REVER ENTER for the tape version, or L TREVER ENTER for the disk version. You must now find the mistake and correct it before attemping execution again.

If you are having problems, you can also try your program from ZBUG by single stepping. To begin single stepping, type START, (that's START followed by a comma). You execute each subsequent line by pressing the comma. Each line of the program is displayed on the screen before it is executed and, when a crash occurs, you can see exactly where it happens. You can enter other commands (such as R) to examine the registers between steps.

Note that START is used to point to the beginning of the assembled program. Other listings may have another label to indicate their beginning or no label at all. If there is no beginning label, you must use the beginning address of the program, such as GE00.

### Making Progress

I realize there are also many of you who would like more "meat" in these columns. I promise to delve deeper in future columns. For now, I am trying to cover the bases for the beginners who are confused. Soon I hope we can all move forward together.

For those of you who do not have an editor/assembler, I am including the following listing of the previous program with the machine language code. I didn't include it earlier because I didn't wish to confuse anyone. Last month I explained how to enter machine language code. If you have forgotten, refer to last month's column.

E00	above.	00090	ORG	620U	*TROGRAM ASSEMBLY LOCATION
EDO BE	0400	90190 START	LDK	#\$400	*BEGINNING OF TEXT SCREEN HEMORY
EO3 EC	BA	4001 01100	LDD	,X	*LOAD D WITH VALUE AT X
E05 88	40	00120	EDRA	#64	*EXCLUSIVE OR A
E07 88	40	00130	EORA	#64	*KXCLUSIVE OK B
EON ED	18	00140	SID	X++	*STORE D INTO LOCATION AT K
EDB BC	0600	00150	CHPX	#\$600	*GRECK FOR END OF TEXT SCREEN
EOE 26	F3	00100	BNE	1007	*IF NOT EMU, DO AGAIN
E10 39	1.2	00170	ETS	Month.	*END PROGRAM

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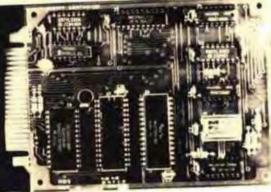
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## How To Follow A Memory Map

By Tony DiStefano Rainbow Contributing Editor

feel like a broken record, but I still get a lot of questions and calls about memory mapping. Don't feel bad—it took me quite a while to get it right myself.

Let's go over it step by step. This time, I'll go into some hardware on how to memory map something to the CoCo \*SCS area, which is the area mapped at 65344 (\$FF40) to 65375 (\$FF5F). This memory mapping technique will work on any version of the CoCo or CoCo 2 since the theory is the same. In fact, most of this theory will work on just about any computer.

A basic understanding of a CPU is a must when trying to understand mapping. By now everyone understands the importance of binary and Hex numbers; it has everything to do with mapping.

Let's start with binary: zero and one.
That's it. A binary digit has only two
values, zero and one. Two binary digits
have four combinations: 00, 01, 10, 11.
Three digits have eight and so on. Table
I shows a four-bit number and the

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relation between decimal numbers, Hex numbers and binary.

Table 1

Decimal	Hex	Binary
0	0	1111
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
10	A	1010
11	B	1011
12	C	1100
13	D	1101
14	E	1110
15	F	1111

As you can see, a number from zero to 15 in decimal can be represented by one character from '0' to 'F' which is four binary bits. This is called a nibble. Now, a number from zero to 255 in decimal can be represented in Hex from

'0' to "FF". This is called a byte. In binary, a byte takes up eight bits or two nibbles. The 6809 CPU (the CPU in the CoCo) has a data bus of eight bits, better known as an eight-bit CPU, (The internal structure is 16-bit, but I'll get into that story another day.)

Back to our nibble. This nibble represents 16 different combinations or discrete locations. Each different location becomes one memory location and each memory location has its own discrete address.

Writing out 16 zeros and ones every time we want to mention an address is silly. If we go back to our nibble, it can be represented by a single character. Sixteen bits would be four nibbles. Each nibble represents onefourth of the 16-bit address. So, going back to our first location, we can now write it as a four-digit number, \$0000.

The 'S' in front of the number means the number to follow is in Hex; it can also be represented by the letter 'h' at the end of the number. The last location would now be SFFFF, and a number somewhere in between would be SCD8A.

That is the basic memory map of a CPU. Let's go back to our nibble for now — it is a little easier to work with. If we were to spread out each of the 16 locations into individual outputs, there would be 16 of them.

Most computer peripheral devices such as PIAs and VDGs require that a logical zero be used to select that particular device. That means if you have several devices connected to the same computer and want to select one at a time, all the select lines would be at logical one, except the peripheral that is to be selected. If we were to map out our four-bit address to one of 16, the result would look like the results in Table 2.

Table 2

	Table 2
Binary	One of 16
Number	Select Lines
0000	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
0001	11111111111111111
0010	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
0011	111111111111111111
0100	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
0101	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
0110	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
0111	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
1000	1111111011111111
1001	1111111011111111
0101	1111101111111111
1011	1111011111111111
1100	1110111111111111
1101	11011111111111111
1110	1011111111111111
1111	011111111111111

In each of the 16 examples, only one of the 16 lines is low, therefore only one of the possible 16 devices is selected. This is known as decoding. Decoding means separating a binary input to its individual outputs.

That is only four bits. If we were to look at 16 bits (the amount of address lines the 6809 CPU has), the decoded output would be one of 65536. Listing a table of the outputs would require

several hundred pages (I think I'll pass on that one).

You can see the amount of components that goes into a chip. The amount of individual outputs doubles with every addition of one bit. Table 3 shows the relation between the amount of binary bits to the amount of individual select lines possible.

Table 3

	THUIL D	
Number of Bits	Number of	
Ditts	Select Lines	
1	2	
2	4	
3	8	
4	16	
5	32	
6	64	
7	128	
8	256	
9	512	
10	1024	
11	2048	
12	4096	
13	8192	
14	16384	
15	32768	
16	65536	

Do the numbers in the right-hand column look a bit familiar? They should: 1K, 2K, 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K and 64K. These are the real values people talk about when they say "K's." When you say your computer has "16K," it really has 16384 bytes of memory; 16K is just a rounded off number for the real thing.

OK, we now understand how a CPU can access all those bytes of memory. "How come I can't see thousands of wires and chip selects in my computer?" would be the next question. Well, there are thousands of wires and chip selects in your computer, but most of them occur inside the major chips of the computer.

Take, for instance, the Color BASIC chip, It is 8K, or 8192 bytes long. This is a good place to start. If you look back to Table 3, it takes 13 address lines (lines A0 through A12) to make up 8K of memory. The chip used for Color BASIC has 13 address lines. They connect to the first 13 address lines of the computer. That leaves us with a balance of three lines.

A typical Chip Enable line on a memory chip activates the whole chip. When \*CE is activated, it works in conjunction with the other 13 lines. It

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Now, look back at Table 2. For the sake of theory, take the Color BASIC chip. Connect the first 13 lines (least significant) to the CPU. You are left with three unused lines (most significant). Look at the first three bits in Table 2. If you apply that theory to this situation, three bits can select eight devices.

Consider the Color BASIC chip as a device and connect one of the output lines of the three to eight decoders. A decoder such as this does exist; it has three inputs and has eight output lines. It also has other control lines, but we'll look into that a little later in this article. Connect the three binary input lines to the last three free address lines of the CPU. Depending on which output line we use, the CPU will select the Color BASIC chip on one of eight 8K borders.

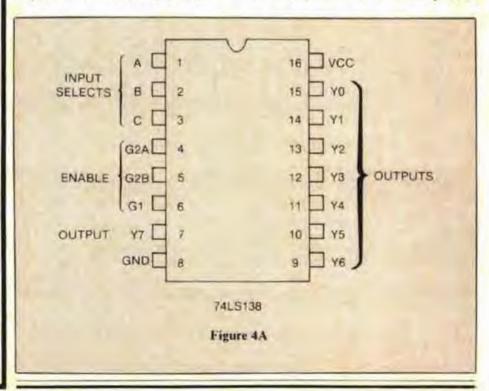
If we put the chip on the first line, the CPU will activate the chip from memory location 0000 to 8191. If the chip was hooked up to the second, it then would see the chip as being from 8192 to 16383, the third would be from 16384 to 24576 and so on and so on, increasing by 8K every time, until we reach 64K. This is known as memory mapping. What we have done is memory mapped an 8K chip to the CPU. Again, where this 8K is depends on what output line of our decoder we use.

We have used all of the address lines in this situation. There are times when not all of the lines need to be used. When memory mapping a device to a CPU and not all the address lines are used, a condition called memory "ghosting" or "mirroring" is formed.

Memory mirroring is produced when the same chip is activated in two or more areas of memory. The best way to explain this is to use an example. Take the previous example of the 8K Color BASIC chip. The chip itself has 13 address lines connected to the CPU and the remaining three (most significant) lines of the CPU are decoded to one of eight. That leaves no address line free or unused. If we were to use a 4K chip instead of the 8K, there would be one less address line. Table 3 reveals that.

Now, leave this address line free and not connected to anything. When the CPU reads the first 4K of the chip (the only 4K in this case) all is fine, but when the CPU reads the next 4K, the 13th address line will change state. Since it is not connected to anything, the CPU will read the same thing as the first 4K. That is because the only address line that changed for the second 4K of memory is that free address line.

Let's take this one further and use a 2K chip. Now we have two free address lines, The CPU will see the same repeated data every 2K for the duration of the 8K bank. Bank is a word used to describe an area of memory. It is



II.	IPUTS	OUTPUTS							
ENABL	E SELECT				011	01	3		
G1 G2*	CBA	YO	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7
хн	x x x	н	Н	н	н	H	н	Н	н
LX	x x x	н	н	н	н	H	н	H	н
H L	LLL	L	н	н	н	н	н	Н	н
H L	LLH	н	L	H	н	H	н	н	н
H L	LHL	н	н	L	H	н	н	н	н
H L	LHH	н	H	н	L	н	н	H	н
HL	HLL	н	Н	н	н	L	н	H	н
H L	HLH	н	Н	H	H	н	L	H	н
HL	HHL	н	н	Н	н	Н	H	L	H
HL	ннн	н	н	Н	Н	н	Н	Н	L

\*G2=G2A+G2B H=LOGIC 1, L=LOGIC 0, X=IRREVELANT

Figure 4B

not any particular size, but referred to as an 8K bank or a 2K bank, whatever the size in question is.

It is not wrong to leave free lines when memory mapping, but it does make for inefficient use of memory. Take for instance the Disk Extended Color BASIC from Radio Shack. The chip itself is only 8K long, but is mirrored twice into 16K. It still works but renders the other 8K of memory unusable without more hardware to decode the free lines. This, however, does make for a less expensive parts count.

Now to get down to hardware. The area most frequently used by CoCo hardware hackers is \*SCS: Spare Chip Select. It is already partially decoded by the SAM chip. It is sort of a mini "Master Select." The SAM chip decodes this area to be from 65344 (\$FF40) to 65375 (\$FF5F). It is only 32 bytes long, therefore also requires five address lines. These are A0 to A4. So the \*SCS (Master Select), along with five address lines, makes up the 32 bytes of the memory map.

This area is great for I/O purposes such as the projects I presented in this column. Take, for example, my article "Lights! Camera! CoCo!" (December 1984, Page 24). It uses the \*SCS pin. This is just the sort of thing I am talking about. I used just the \*SCS pin and none of the other address lines. That means the chip I used is memory mirrored throughout the 32 bytes (five address lines) and is only one byte wide. I saved adding some chips, but in this case, I didn't need the rest of the area.

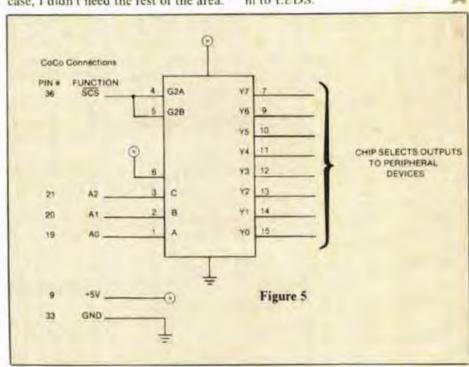
Now, if we take the three to eight decoder I mentioned earlier, and integrate it into the \*SCS circuit, we could access more chips. Figure 4A shows the functions of a chip called the 74LS128. This is a computer compatible chip that works well with the CoCo. In fact, there is already one of these chips inside the CoCo. If you have a schematic for the CoCo, look it up.

Figure 4B shows the Truth Table for this chip. When you examine this table, you will notice the similarity between this and Table 1, only it is only three bits wide. There is a four to 16 decoder chip available, called a 74LS154, but you'll have to look that one up yourself.

Now, the diagram in Figure 5 shows how this chip can be hooked up to the CoCo and the \*SCS pin. This is hooked up as such: You have eight separate chip enables from 65344 (\$FF40) to 65351 (\$FF47) and it is memory mirrored four times to make a total of 32 bytes. If we were to replace A0 with A1, A1 with A2, A3 with A4 and left A0 not connected, we would have every second byte memory mirrored. If we moved the address lines up one more, it would be every four bytes memory mirrored.

If we added more 74LS138s, we could even have 32 bytes not mirrored at all. It all depends on the decoding technique and how many free address lines we want.

I hope all this decoding has helped you understand more on how the CoCo works. See you next time, and we'll say hi to LEDS.



## Role Playing Games Are Effective Learning Tools

#### By George Firedrake and Karl Albrecht

ots of young people (and some not-so-young) are playing role playing games. Kids who "can't read" are reading, understanding and using rule books for role playing games — rule books that make a computer reference manual seem simple by comparison. Kids who "can't do math" are successfully dealing with numerical information, probability tables, economics of fantasyland and polyhedral dice in ways beyond the ken of most adults.

Role playing games might be the most powerful learning tools existing in our culture, more powerful by far than

#### ROLE PLAYING GAMES

Millions of people play role playing games. A role playing game is a game in which one or more players crease and play characters (adventurers) who live their imaginary lives in a specially made game world. The game world is created, managed and operated by a Game-Matter (GM), referee, or durigeon master (DM).

Most people who play role playing games use a formal rule system. Some of the best known are shown below.

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Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). TSR. P.O. Bos 756, Lake Geneva, W153147.

RuneQuest (RQ). Avalon Hill, 4317 Harford Road. Baltimore, M1) 21214.

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Beginners beware! The rule banks are formidable. If you are a beginner, we suggest you start with one of the following books, both from Resson Publishing Company, 1480 Sunset Hills Road, Resson, VA 22000.

Adventurer's Handbook: A Guide to Role Playing Games by Rob Albrecht and Greg Stafford.

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computers. Yet this incredible world of learning is virtually ignored by the educational establishment.

Role playing games can include anything possible in real life plus anything anyone can imagine. Perhaps the kids who create, explore and manage these "worlds of if" will be the creative managers, explorers, movers and shakers a few years from now.

Fortunately, everyone has the number one ingredient required to play a role playing game: imagination. Add paper and pencil, a few dice, a rule book or two, and you are ready to play. We will help. In "GameMaster's Apprentice," we will try to answer questions such as:

- What are role playing games?
- Why are they so popular?
- What are the most popular games?
- How are the games played?
- What can be learned while playing?
- What can be learned while preparing to play?
- Parent: How can I use knowledge about role playing games to relate better to my children?
- Teacher: How can I use knowledge of role playing games to relate better to my students?

Most role playing game players play one or more games from the following categories:

 Low-technology worlds where magic works. The culture is similar to medieval Earth plus magic that works. These are the worlds of swords and sorcery. Arthur and Merlin lived in such a world. Tolkien created this kind of world. Bushido, Dungeons & Dragons, RuneQuest and Tunnels & Trolls are in this category.

- Contemporary technology worlds, perhaps with the addition of superheroes. Examples are Champions, SuperWorld, Marvel Superheroes and Mercenaries & Spies.
- Future technology worlds. Explore our galaxy, or another galaxy, in games such as Star Trek or Traveller.

We know that some of you who read "GameMaster's Apprentice" are players. What games do you play? What are your favorite games?

We hope some of you are non-players who want to learn more about this incredible subculture. How can we help you learn? Would it help if we described a game system each time (for example, *Dungeons & Dragons*)?

#### Aloysious Continues on His Journey

Aloysious is traveling afoot from his village to the town of Baldvu on a warm, clear spring day. Here again are his characteristics and success percentages for the three skills described last time.

Characte	eristics	Skills	Percent
STR	10	Listen	45
CON	11	Spot Hidden Item	25
SIZ	10	Move Quietly	25
INT	12	Section 2	
POW	10		
DEX	12		
CHA	9		

Last time, Aloysious spotted the hidden deer, but was unsuccessful in his attempt to quietly move closer to it. The deer bounded away; Aloysious sighed and resumed his journey.

HIDE - Success percentage: 55%

In a dangerous spot, perhaps Aloysious should hide instead of trying to sneak away. His chances of hiding are much better than his chances of moving quietly away.

Success: Roll 55 or less on the percentile dice Failure: Roll 56 or more on the percentile dice

Aloysious hears a boisterous bunch of dwarves coming down the path. He hides. We roll 42; they don't see him. Whew!

Or use your CoCo to simulate the percentile roll.

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JUMP - Success percentage: 45%

Only 45 percent? Yes, we know everyone can jump. In this case, Aloysious has a 45 percent chance to jump:

- 1) Across a ditch about four meters wide.
- 2) Up, up and over something one meter high.
- Down from a place four meters high without falling and possibly getting hurt.

If he fails, he falls into the ditch (let's hope it is shallow), trips over something and falls on his face, or lands in a heap while jumping down. He might get hurt doing this and take a few hit points.

Success: Roll 45 or less on the percentile dice Failure: Roll 46 or more on the percentile dice

You guessed it. Aloysious is still meandering down that path through the forest. He comes to a somewhat deep and fast-moving stream about eight meters wide. There is a large rock showing in the middle of the stream. Aloysious doesn't feel like trying to swim across, so he tries to jump to the rock. He figures he can cross the stream in two jumps.

Roll the dice: 00. Oops! That's a fumble. Aloysious's foot hits the rock and slips off. He bangs his knee, scrapes his arm, bounces his chin off the rock and plunges into the cold, rushing water.

The Game Master solemnly intones "ID6 hit points." We roll ID6 and get three. His clothing absorbs one point, so we mark off two hit points on his character sheet.

SWIM — Success percentage: 20%

Aloysious will win no swimming medals. He is reasonably adept, however, in at least keeping his head above water. He has a 20 percent chance of swimming directly across the creek with only a little downstream drift.

Success: Roll 20 or less on the percentile dice Failure: Roll 21 or more on the percentile dice

Like it or not, Aloysious has gone swimming. As he strikes out for the other side of the creek, we roll the dice and get 33. Looks like Aloysious will have to go with the flow.

A couple of hundred meters downstream, the creek deposits a watersoaked, bruised and exhausted Aloysious on (fortunately!) the far shore. Gratefully, he rests and dries out in the warm sunshine.

Again we leave Aloysious to dry out, rest and recover. Next time, he will continue his trek to Baldvu.

#### Play-By-Mail Games

If you have never played a role playing game and want to begin playing, try a play-by-mail (PBM) game. Anyone can learn to play by playing — no previous gaming experience is required.

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Starweb and Feudal Lords. Begin by getting the rules from Flying Buffalo, Inc., Dept. GMA, P.O. Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-1467. Here are the prices: Nuclear Destruction \$.25, Starweb \$2, Heroic Fantasy \$1 and Feudal Lords \$1. There is a set-up fee to enter a game and a turn fee each time you send in a move. It's all there in the rules.

#### Heroic Fantasy

We are playing *Heroic Fantasy* by mail and began reporting our progress in the January 1985 issue of THE RAINBOW. Here is our team of adventurers.

Name	Sex	Code	Kindred	Class*	STR	CON	Cost
Ai Khong	M	H	Hobbit	F	5	15	5
Frona	F	H	Hobbit	F	5	15	5
Mariko	F	H	Hobbit	M	4	1.5	7
Steffi	F	H	Hobbit	M	4	15	7
Sheri	F	P	Human	F	15	30	9
Zamora	M	P	Human	M	10	30	11
Tindil	M	E	Elf	F	25	25	15
Leiko	F	E	Elf	M	20	25	18
Jonjari	M	D	Dwarf	F	30	40	23
TOTALS					118	210	100

\*Class: F=Fighter, M=Magic-User

Our characters are now in the Dusty Room.

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P204: Potion

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We have decided to give the following orders.

- Sheri: X0N. Exit using strength zero through the North door.
- Zamora: T5P204. Take, using strength 5, the potion labeled P204.
- Tindil: G20C57. Guard, using strength 20, character C57, who happens to be Zamora.
- Leiko: X0N. Exit using strength zero through the
- Ai Khong: UP186C214. Use potion P186 (healing) on character C214 who is Point Man, apparently from another team of adventurers. We are going to be as friendly as possible in the game!
- Frona: UP145 X0N. Use (on herself) healing potion P145, then exit using strength zero through the North door.
- Mariko: No orders. We are holding her "in reserve."
- Steffi: X0N. Exit using strength zero through North door.
- Jonjari: X0N. Exit using strength zero through North door.

We filled out an order sheet, adding some things for our characters to say, and sent it to Flying Buffalo's computer. Here are the results.

Character	ID	Orders
Sheri	C27	X0N
Zamora	C57	T5P204: Tindil, guard me as I get the potion.
Tindil	C139	G20C57: Back off, bear!
Leiko	C141	X0N: Our intentions are peaceful.
Ai Khong	C141	UP186C214: You are healed, friend.*
Frona	C146	UP145 X0N: Our aim is to explore.
Mariko	C153	: What do I do now?
Steffi	C163	X0N: Jonjari, you go first.
Jonjari	C191	X0N: Respect our peaceful inten- tions, or beware!

\*Character C214 is Point Man, who entered the Dusty Room injured.

Wonder what will happen next. Will the Brown Bear attack? What is beyond the North door?

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This month's listing will be short and simple, but will have many uses for both home and school. I am sure many of you have seen listings for database programs many times in the past. Quite often, you will find ads for database programs that will require 64K and a disk drive. Too often, you must read pages and pages of instructions just to get your feet wet. Well, for those who thought using a database was only for the advanced programmer or user, we now have MiniData, a simple and short BASIC database that even a child could use.

#### The Wish

You have probably seen me mention that many readers and friends have always approached me or others with a very basic misconception about what a computer can do. How many times have I said that someone has made

(Fred Scerbo is a special needs instructor for the North Adams Public Schools. He holds a master's in education and published some of the first software available for the Color Computer through his software firm, Illustrated Memory Banks.) a remark like, "I want to get a computer so I can dump all this information into it and then pull it out when I need it!" Some people really think a computer is a device which you can reason with in English by telling it, "Give me the names of all my friends who own Beta VCRs" or "How much money did I make in overtime in the last two weeks?"

Granted, a computer can answer those questions, but only if a program has been devised to arrive at those answers, provided it is given accurate information by the user. Too often, a person will buy a computer to keep track of something only to find the software available will not do that.

Radio Shack does have a very simple database called Personafile which does a nice job of keeping track of items under the heading of "subjects" and "tags," but this can only be used for the most general type of sorting by title. I happen to like Personafile, but unless you have a disk drive, you are out of luck.

Recently, several readers have written requesting a type of database which could be used with the MC-10. My first reaction was, "You've got to be kidding!" Although I have tried to make as many of my programs as possible work on the MC-10, this seemed like a little too much of a task to handle.

I started to rethink my position on that request just a few months ago. There are some things which cannot be done with an MC-10, such as high resolution graphics. I have been able to generate some Lo-Res graphics games for it, but handling information in a database just did not seem to be practical with the type of keyboard the MC-10 has. However, since more and more of my mail has

been thanking me for not forgetting our little "CoCo Jr.,"
I felt there just might be a way.

The Challenge

The final stimulus which led to creation of MiniData came from a couple of teachers who teach for our Chapter I Remedial Reading Program at the high school. Both Mickey and Jeri come into my Resource Room at least once a week with a debugging problem or a small request to help them with their Apple IIe computers.

Just a few weeks ago, they came to me with a new challenge. Since they run a reading program, they have obtained a large number of small books for their students to read, all at different reading levels. They were both looking for a quick way to get a program that would let them keep track of titles, but also select them by grade level or subject, or some other characteristic by which they could identify the book. This was to be nothing complex—they just wanted a quick way to keep track of this information.

Naturally, the old MC-10 and CoCo request came to mind. You can imagine their surprise when I came back with their completed program less than 20 minutes later! The most interesting thing about the listing I gave them was that it was only about 25 lines long. Even in Applesoft, which usually takes many more lines than Microsoft BASIC to complete a task, the program was very short. The big question is: Would it work?

Without getting into too great detail, the listing did everything they wanted it to do. They could enter book titles with subjects and characteristics, then pull any title by searching for a given subject or characteristic.

What made the program so easy to use was that I would let them enter the information in DATA statements, which can be edited much more easily than a file. (Besides, knowing I would probably translate the Apple version to our BASIC since the MC-10 does not have disk capability, an easy storage media would be needed. Saving the entire program with the DATA in it would be much more efficient than loading a tape file. MC-10 does not have a tape on and off relay as the CoCo does.)

Seeing how easily the program works on the Apple, I had no difficulty translating it to Color BASIC and MC-IO BASIC. Naturally, I added a few small frills so as to make the program look attractive on your CoCo or MC-IO screen.

I also included the option of making a hard copy to the line printer. (Those with the MC-10 will have to change the lines with PRINTH-2, to LPRINT in the few lines that it appears, such as lines 350 and 450.)

The actual CoCo and MC-10 version is only 49 lines long, excluding the REM statements. I have deliberately kept each line short, usually under two screen lines. This will be useful to those of you who wish to type it into the MC-10, which does not have a built-in EDIT command. (Please, do not suggest that I find a way to add this command to the MC-10!)

#### How it Works

Since I have arranged this program to READ from your DATA statements, it is necessary to understand what kind of infomation the computer will be looking for. The program will always search for two "flags." (A flag is a string or number which the program will recognize so as to branch out of a READing loop before your get an ?OD

In this case, our flags are the words END and STOP, END will tell the program that you have completed a category. STOP will tell the program you have READ all the available DATA. You will notice that DATA STOP is found in the last line of the program, Line 9999. This will ensure that you always have at least the final flag in your program. (You could use a higher line number, but 9999 sounds good enough for now.)

Therefore, we must construct our DATA lines starting at Line 1000. We may put as many as 20 items in any given category we create. Any information we place prior to the word END will be included in our list for a given category.

Look at Line 1000 in our program. I have included examples using book titles and certain characteristics of those books. Our first book is The Cat in the Hat. The information I wish to keep on that book includes characteristics such as "Kids," "Illustrated" and "Fiction."

You will also notice that I have added the characteristic "All." This is included so you may easily scan through all the files you put in the database by searching for All.

The last piece of information in the DATA line is our flag, END. This tells the program that this is all the information under the book title or category The Cat in the Hat.

You will notice that the next DATA line includes similar information under the book title The Little Train That Could. If we were to search for titles based on the information found in these DATA lines, then the title which is our first piece of DATA would be listed for us.

#### Running the Program

Let's say you type in the program exactly as listed with my sample DATA. On running the program, the screen would ask:

#### WOULD YOU LIKE HARDCOPY? (Y/N)

Pressing 'Y' would dump the screen contents to your line printer, which must be turned on and loaded with paper. The next question will be:

#### ENTER ITEM TO SEARCH FOR:

Let's say we wish to search through our DATA for all the books which are for Kids. If we enter Kids, then the screen will clear and print:

THIS CATEGORY CONTAINS A MATCH:

> THE CAT IN THE HAT

PRESS <I>NFO OR <C>ONTINUE

If we press 'l' for info, the screen will then list all the information stored for that category or title. The screen would then say:

#### PRESS <ENTER> FOR MORE

Pressing ENTER would cause the program to search for the next category or title containing Kids in its information.

If you press 'C' for continue, the program will just list the titles and not the information stored. This can be helpful if all you want are the titles or categories containing a specific match in the information. If you had continued to press only 'C,' the screen would print:

## THE CAT IN THE HAT THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD GREEN EGGS AND HAM

#### ANOTHER SORT (Y/N)?

This means the program has found all the matches which were saved in this program for Kids.

Let's say you search for "history." The program would search the information and then print

#### NO MATCHES FOUND!

because we had not listed that as information in any case.

If we searched for non-fiction, you would only get one match:

#### LIFE EXTENSION

because it is the only example in our DATA listing which has the category non-fiction.

You may also search for a given title or category in your DATA. You are not limited to only searching for the information stored in a category. Therefore, if you search for:

#### DUNE

the computer would find it listed as a title and allow you to list the information stored with that category.

To put it in the simplest terms, remember that your DATA is entered in this fashion:

1000 DATA "title or category".
"Info", "Info", "ALL".END

END indicates the end of a category. ALL allows you to search through all the information and categories you have stored. Remember, the comma (.) is used to separate our pieces of information. You may also use more than one DATA line, but always be sure to end a category's information with ALL and END.

#### One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

Protect is a program which, to a certain extent, keeps "nosy people" out of your programs. Just add it to the beginning of a program.

#### The listing:

10 A\$(2)=CHR\$(126):A\$(3)=CHR\$(96):FORX=1TO480:Y=RND(2)+1:PRINTA\$
(Y);:POKE65314,248:NEXTX:FORL=1T
0999999:NEXTL

Doug Hemphill Agoura, CA

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainhow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainhow Simulations Tape.)

#### Many Uses

Once you understand the format explained, you can use MiniData to keep track of almost anything. One reader requested a program to save recipes. MiniData could do that. Have your category be the dish (i.e., banana creme pie) and in the data, list all the ingredients. Since you have 20 categories to work with, you could even include the instructions in the final lines. This way, you could store pages of recipes on tape or disk, and actually dump the instructions to paper with a line printer when you need it, (No one that I know of cooks with a computer screen near the stove.)

MiniData could be used to keep track of odd jobs completed, additional income, valuables and their serial numbers, and so on. No disk is needed, although you can save on disk just as easily as on tape. Just save the whole program, but be sure to use different program names for different information listings (such as recipes or income).

This program should offer many people a simple introduction to a database program. I hope with this listing its use is explained sufficiently. It just goes to show that simplicity can often be the best solution to a programming problem.

#### Quick Fix

Several months ago I listed a program called HOM-ONYMS which was a limited multiple choice-type quiz using only two choices. Some people have found this program useful for reviewing material other than homonyms. Therefore, for those who wish to use the program for math or history or some other subject, here are three DATA lines that will replace the word "homonym" in the title card with the word "practice" so the quiz title will appear as PRACTICE QUIZ. Just replace the three lines in the original with the three below and you will have the newer version.

150 DATA ,239,236,239,,239,236,236,239,,231,236,235,,239,236,236,,23
6,239,236,,228,239,232,,239,236,236,,239,236,
160 DATA,239,236,236,,239,237,22
6,,239,236,239,,239,224,224,,224
,239,224,,224,239,224,,239,224,2
24,,239,236,
170 DATA,236,224,224,,236,224,23
6,,216,224,236,,236,236,236,236,,224
,236,224,,228,236,232,,236,236,2
36,,236,236,

Be sure to save this new version under the title PRACTICE after you make any other modifications, such as references to homonyms in the PRINT statements.

Some readers also wrote in regarding an error they believe they found in *Demon's Defiance*. It seems that some versions of the CoCo do not recognize the PEEK(339) as a joystick location. (My TDP does.) For those who have found difficulty using the joystick with *Demon*, substitute this line:

680 IFPEEK(65280) <> 255 AND PEEK(65280) <> 127 THEN280 or try:

680 PK=PEEK (65280): IF PK=254 OR PK=126 THEN 780

Both should work. I chose the location 339 because it involves fewer BASIC characters to be read, making a faster program. Again, these are not errors. Every now and then we find some differences between the Radio Shack ROMs. Thanks to all who wrote in on this.

On Tri-Hang, the space version of Tri-Planetary

Hangmenoids, those wishing to use the easy level may find it convenient to ED11 Line 1200 and insert:

1200 DL=7:

just before the IF/THEN statement. This seems to be a better place to put it.

280 95 490 .....156 END ..... 120 The listing: MINIDATA 10 REM\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 20 REM\* MINI COLOR DATABASE 30 REM\* BY FRED B. SCERBO 40 REM\* 149 BARBOUR ST. 50 REM\* NORTH ADAMS, MA 01247 COPYRIGHT (C) 1985 60 REM\* 70 REM################### 80 CLS 90 CLEAR500 100 FORI=1T016: BK\$=BK\$+CHR\$(8)+C HR\$(8)+CHR\$(8)+CHR\$(8):NEXTI 110 PRINTE134, "MINI COLOR DATABA SE" 120 PRINTe175, "BY" 130 PRINT@201, "FRED B. SCERBO" 140 PRINT: PRINT 150 PRINT" WOULD YOU LIKE HARDCO PY? (Y/N)" 160 XS=INKEYS: IFXS=""THEN160 170 IFX\$="Y"THEN P=1:00T0200 180 IFX = "N"THEN P=0:GOTO200 190 GOTO160 200 PRINT: PRINT" ENTER ITEM T O SEARCH FOR: " 210 PRINT: PRINT" 220 LINEINPUT CT\$ 230 DIM T\$(20):M=0 240 CLS 250 READ As: I=1:T\$(I)=As: IF As=" STOP"THEN520 260 IF A\*="END"THEN510 270 IF AS=CTS THEN T\$(I)=AS:GOTO 320 280 FORI=2T020 290 READ SR\$: IF SR\$="END"THEN510 300 T\$(I)=SR\$: IF SR\$=CT\$ THEN320 310 NEXTI:60T0250 320 IF X\$="C"THEN340 330 CLS: M=1: PRINT"THIS CATEGORY CONTAINS A MATCH!" 340 PRINT "> "T\$(1) 350 IF P=1 THEN PRINT#-2.TAB(5)T \$(1) 360 PRINT 370 PRINT"===PRESS <I>NFO DR <C> ONTINUE === ":

380 X = INKEY : IFX = " "THEN 380 390 IF X\$="C"THEN500 400 IF X\$="I"THEN420 410 GOTO380 420 FOR Z=I+1 TO 20:READ A\$: IF A \$= "END" THEN 440 430 T\$(Z)=A\$ NEXTZ 440 FOR K=1 TO Z-1:PRINT T\$(K) 450 IF P=1 THEN PRINT#-2, TAB(10) T\$(K) 460 NEXTK 470 PRINT"====PRESS (ENTER) FOR MORE====" 480 Xs=INKEYs: IFXs<>CHRs(13)THEN 480 490 GOTO510 500 PRINTBK#: 510 GOTO250 520 IF M=0 THEN CLS:PRINT@135."N O MATCHES FOUND !" 530 PRINT: PRINT" ANOTHER SO RT (Y/N) ?" 540 X = INKEY : IFX = "THEN 540 550 IF X = "Y"THEN RUN 560 IF X = "N"THEN CLS: END 570 GOTO540 990 REM ENTER DATA AT LINE 1000 1000 DATA "THE CAT IN THE HAT"," KIDS", "ILLUSTRATED", "FICTION", "A LL", END 1010 DATA "THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD", "KIDS", "COLOR", "ILLUSTRA TED", "FICTION", "ALL", END 1020 DATA "GREEN EGGS AND HAM"," KIDS", "COLOR", "PAPERBACK", "FICTI ON", "ALL", END 1030 DATA "RETURN OF THE JEDI"," OLDER KIDS", "COLOR", "ILLUSTRATED ", "FICTION", "ALL", END 1040 DATA "STAR WARS", "OLDER KID S", "COLOR", "ILLUSTRATED", "AVAILA BLE ON TAPE", "FICTION", "ALL", END 1050 DATA "TARZAN OF THE APES"," OLDER KIDS", "VIOLENT", "NON-ILLUS TRATED", "FICTION", "ALL", END 1060 DATA "DUNE", "YOUNG ADULT"," DIFFICULT", "NON-ILLUSTRATED", "FI CTION", "ALL", END 1070 DATA "LIFE EXTENSION", "NON-FICTION", "HEALTH", "ADULT", "ALL", END 9999 DATA STOP

#### EARTH TO ED





## More On MIDIs

By Ed Ellers Rainbow Technical Writer

That letter we ran from Gareth Jones back in April asking about the Musical Instrument Digital Interface system seems to have touched a nerve; I've gotten a couple of different responses to his question. (By some coincidence, this is our annual Music Issue. Will wonders never cease?) Here they are:

• The major problem I can see is that a special hardware interface has to be built. I can only think of two sources that can give Gareth all he needs to design and build the MIDI interface for the CoCo: PAIA Electronics and Polymart, both in Oklahoma City. The addresses are:

PAIA Electronics, Inc. P.O. Box 14359 Oklahoma City, OK 73114

Polymart P.O. Box 20305 Oklahoma City, OK 73156

Gareth might also be interested in Polyphony magazine, available through PAIA.

Rob Rosenbrock Bluffton, IN

(Ed Ellers, a RAINBOW and PCM staff member, is a self-confessed electronics fanatic whose other interests include science fiction.) • I have waited since 1983 for the software and hardware to play my Roland JX3P synthesizer from my CoCo. I finally got tired of waiting and wrote my own software and built the interface myself. It is simple enough that anyone who has the skill to make his own RS-232 cable can build it. The software was written in C and runs under OS-9.

Naturally, I think I have a very useful package for people like Mr. Jones and myself, so I am trying to interest a distributor, and for that reason I won't go into the details except to say that thanks to the speed of the CoCo's 6809 CPU, the project is 99.44 percent pure software. If no one seems willing to buy it, I'll make the package available somehow to interested computer musicians.

Dave McFadden Tulsa, OK

For those of you whose hands-on experience with synthesizers is limited to those keyboards you see in the department stores, if you have any interest at all in making music you haven't lived until you've seen and heard what the new digital synthesizers can do using MIDI.

I went to a music store recently and heard several MIDI-linked systems in action, and it was a real eye-opener. The Apple II and Commodore 64 (in addition to Yamaha's new CX5M MSX computer) can be interfaced to MIDI now, and the upcoming Atari ST will have a MIDI port, so when someone brings out a CoCo-MIDI interface, CoCo will be joining some fast company.

#### Poor Colors

• I have an original CoCo with a 'D' Board. I have never been able to obtain the eight colors the computer is supposed to generate. When I first bought the computer, I hooked it to an old color TV and I thought that was the problem. However, I now have it hooked up to a monitor with the same results.

The red is a dark shade of blue, for instance, and the magenta is also a shade of blue. None of the colors are what they should be. I replaced the VDG chip, thinking this might be the problem, but that did no good at all.

Herman L. Smith Olean, NY

The problem is probably that the computer's master clock is out of adjustment. Adjusting it will be a bit tricky. First, you'll have to set up your TV or monitor for best reception on a local station's color bar pattern; the standard colors from left to right are white, yellow, cyan, green, magenta, red and blue. (When a monitor is involved you will need to arrange some way of feeding a local TV signal into it; a VCR's video output is a good source.)

Next, put up blocks of several colors on the CoCo and adjust the trimmer capacitor (C4 on a 'C,' 'D' or 'E' Board) to get the correct colors. If you turn it too far you will lose all color; just turn it back.

resolution. One (very expensive) monitor that does is Sony's KX-1201HG, which sells for around \$800.

you can wire switches across the DIP switch contacts, but you would have to turn the printer off and then back on after setting the switches in order for the printer to recognize the new settings.

#### RGB vs. NTSC

· I know that a monitor will improve the quality of displays on the CoCo. but how do I make an intelligent selection without "overbuying" for the capability of my CoCo?

1) What is the difference between RGB and composite video?

2) Can the CoCo output RGB signals?

3) Is RGB any better than composite, display-wise?

4) Could you explain screen pixels, bandwidth and dot pitch?

5) Would a good color monitor give you the same number of characters. as a monochrome monitor?

> Robert Johin Theodore, AL

1) Composite video is the term for a single signal that contains all the necessary information to reproduce a picture. RGB is a system that sends separate red, green and blue signals to the monitor (vertical and horizontal sync are often separate as well).

2) The CoCo was designed from the beginning to work with standard TV sets, and getting the necessary signals out is rather difficult.

3) RGB does provide much better resolution than composite color because all the information is transmitted in full. Composite color restricts the amount of color information transmitted.

4) Pixels (picture elements) are the dots that make up the picture. Bandwidth is a measure of how much information can be transmitted through the circuit; in monitors, bandwidth determines how sharp the picture will be. Dot pitch is the distance between adjacent dots or stripes on the face of a color picture tube; the narrower the pitch is, the sharper the resulting picture will be.

5) A really good color monitor with a fine dot pitch (like .31 mm) would show all the characters that most computers (and certainly the CoCo) can put out. Most composite color monitors, sadly, use the same picture tubes as home TV sets and don't have such good

#### Printer Switcheroo

· Can I modify my Tandy/Radio Shack DMP-110 printer so I can switch select the various print fonts without having to send the specific control codes from the computer?

Richard C. Buescher Madison, WI **Printer Graphics** 

I have a DMP-110 printer and have no clue as to where I might find a screen dump program. Can you help me?

Beau Palmer Costa Mesa, CA

From the schematic you sent, I don't see how, since there aren't any switches inside the printer to set up default settings. On many printers (like Epson),

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## Getting Better Acquainted With The DRAW Statement

By Joseph Kolar Rainbow Contributing Editor

ou should have enjoyed getting acquainted with DRAW last month. Rather than making pointless boxes (R4D4L4H4) or equally meaningless diamonds (H4E4F4G4), you created useful letters of the alphabet.

As a follow-up, here is a puzzle for you to break the ice. Use the DRAW statement to make a square inside of a diamond. All units of both the square and the diamond must be of the same length and the square must touch the elements of the diamond. If you plot it out on a sheet of paper, you can work it out easily enough. If you try it as a mental exercise, you are apt to discover that several attempts are necessary before you succeed.

There is nothing a beginner can do wrong when s/he sits in front of the keyboard and bangs away. Even a mistake is not detrimental, provided something is learned from it. In fact, it is the best way to learn.

If you key in Listing 1, you will see that the program is geared to run in PMODE4. For purposes of experimental programs, where color is not an over-

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riding factor, the finer detail of PMODE 4 is ideal to observe the work in progress as you create.

A few words concerning Listing 1; Lines 20 and 30 place the letters 'A' through 'O' on the top screen line. Line 30 has no instructions to CoCo, such as size, color or starting location. CoCo reads this line as "keep going," since it has no new instructions that supercede the ones in Line 20 (S8BM20,70).

Note that the first letter created by Line 30 is '1' and CoCo locates it right after the last letter, 'H,' in Line 20. Can you imagine the frustration of picking up the horizontal coordinate to determine where Line 30 should begin? For the heck of it, insert your guess in Line 30 (BMx,70) after the opening ", where 'x' is your guess. See how quickly you can pick up the location that CoCo has reserved to save you the bother. Line 40 centers the balance of the alphabet below the first line.

Notice these two rows of the alphabet have the vertical lines in either red or blue. The colors will vary from TV set to TV set or monitor.

Line 50 draws and centers the numerals on the bottom line. They should be in red if the letters of the alphabet are in blue or in blue if the letters of the alphabet are red. In all three rows of text, the horizontal lines will be in the buff color of the screen. The diagonal lines are a repeating combination of red and blue or red and green.

If you press the Reset button and RUN, you may find that the alphabet swapped colors with the numerals. If they did not, repeat this procedure, Sometimes CoCo is cranky and doesn't cooperate immediately!

If you want to make all the lines the same color, change the horizontal coordinate in Line 50 from 65 to either 64 or 66. One unit more or less won't affect the centering significantly. Now RUN, then to get the other color, press Reset until CoCo cooperates.

Look over the letters of the alphabet. They were created on a 6 by 4 matrix, except for 'l,' 'M' and 'W,' to be as simple as possible. Each letter in the listing was separated by a space for your convenience. The only letter with rounded corners is 'D' to tell it apart from 'O.' You could round off parts of 'A,' 'B,' 'C,' 'D,' 'O,' 'P,' 'Q,' 'R' or 'S,' which are customarily cursive, to become more elegant.

The more elegant the alphabet, the more troublesome it is to create and utilize. The only elegant feature is the "tick" mark on numeral '1," which makes it a 6 by 2 matrix.

If you want to make all the vertical lines the same color in S8 or S16, use either all even or all odd numbers in every line that has a horizontal locating coordinate (e.g.; Line 20 <21>, Line 40 <61>, Line 50 <65>). Now, BREAK and remove the REM marker from Line 15 and RUN.

This sentence uses five additional spaces to separate words, BR8, instead of the usual BR3 used to separate letters.

You may want to copy lines 200 through 270, letter by letter, on graph paper to get the feel of how each letter "flows" from one to the next. The letters may connect at the top or the bottom, depending where the next letter begins, thus avoiding extra moves.

This is not to say that you should not return to the lower left-hand corner of the 6 by 4 matrix of the next letter. You may find it easier to do so. If so, try to recreate the sentence so every letter begins in the same spot of the matrix (lower left corner).

Observe Line 280 and BREAK, Now, change S8 to S12 and RUN. Both verticals of 'A,' 'N' and 'O,' and a small vertical of 'B' are the wrong color. We want all the vertical lines in "RAINBOW" to be the same color as the sentence.

Make the following changes in Line 280: BREAK and change the BR3 at the end of 'R' to BR4, then RUN and BREAK. Change the BR3 at the end of 'A' to BR4, then RUN and BREAK. Change the BR3 at end of 'I' to BR4, then RUN and BREAK. Change the BR3 at the end of 'N' to BR4 and RUN.

The 'B' must be redrawn to eliminate the mismatched color in the top part. This is a hard one! Again, a compromise must be made. Redraw 'B' to read U6R3FDGNL3FD2NL4BR4; RUN and BREAK. Change BR3 at the end of 'O' to BR4 and RUN. Now it is OK!

Remember, you must make one correction at a time and check to see where the next correction must be made. In the case where one side of a letter is one color and the other side is in the second color, you may correct this by making the letter one unit wider. (A 6 by 4 matrix letter is changed to a 6 by 5 matrix format.)

You can BREAK and change S12 back to S8 and discover that both sizes have become stable.

For practice, delete Line 280 and create your own word using \$12 size and then adjust it so it will be the same color as the sentence.

We found out some interesting things, didn't we? Since we are too new at computing to understand or worry about "why" something happens, we remain content to become familiar with "what" happens. Let us experiment together to see what we can determine about PMODE4 with SCREEN 1, 1.

This is the sort of experimentation you are urged to try. You never know what insights you may gain or what avenues of exploration may be uncovered. Hopefully, we will know a bit more when we finish this study than we know now.

Type NEW and key in lines 0,10 and 100 of Listing 2. First, we will draw two diagonal lines to cover the screen. Key in Line 20 using the DRAW statement.

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We tell CoCo to draw a line in Cl, beginning at locations BM0,0, moving diagonally down and to the right-hand corner (F255); next, to go to the lower left-hand corner without drawing a visible line, BL255; then draw a line diagonally up and to the right-hand corner, E255, and RUN. Examine the lines. You should see that the lines are composed of three different, repeating, colored dots.

Usually these lines are put on the screen using the LINE statement. You can check this out by putting a REM marker in front of DRAW in Line 20. Key in Line 30 without the REM marker and RUN. You have exactly the same thing. Comparing lines 20 and 30 of the listing proves that using DRAW is quicker and simpler than using LINE.

For the record, note that DRAW-C1BM0,0F255 is equal to LINE(0,0)-(255,191),PSET: and BL255 is equivalent to LINE-(0,191). PRESET: and E255 does the same as LINE-(255,0),PSET.

We decide to check out the vertical lines and picking one at random, we instruct CoCo to draw a line 50 units from the left margin at the top down to the bottom. Key in 40 DRAW BM50,00191 and RUN. We get a red line. If you get a blue or green line,

press Reset until it turns red for the purpose of our study, then BREAK, add BR1 (same as BR), and draw a line back to the top, smack dab next to the first line! Did you add U191? Now RUN.

This results in a nice blue line. Press BREAK and move two spaces or units to the right and draw a line to the bottom of the page, BR2D191, and RUN. We get a greenish line; now BREAK and move three units to the right and draw a line to the top, BR3U191, and RUN. Now we get a red line. Hit BREAK and let's move four units to the right and draw a line to the bottom, BR4D191, and RUN. This gives us a green line.

Continue to move right, incrementing "+1" each time and draw an appropriate line up or down. Run after each addition to Line 40 (refer to the listing).

When you are finished, can you draw some conclusions? When do you get red lines? Green lines? How can you change the last red line on the right to that nice blue color? How about that last green line? Hint: At the end of Line 40, add BL12U191, RUN, BREAK, then add BR13D191 and RUN, Did you expect that?

What do you suspect will happen when you tell CoCo to begin at either 49 or 51 units from the left margin? Try both and see! Does that tell you anything? Suppose you added a third line next to the last one (BRIU191), then what? You get the idea! Continue with these vertical lines until you run out of possibilities.

After your interest is exhausted in the vertical lines, let us go back to work and check out the horizontal lines. Tell CoCo where to begin. Key in 50 DRAW BMO, 80 to start at the left margin 80 units from the top and draw a line to the right margin: R255 and RUN. Aha! A buff line. Let us put a line just below it and see what happens: BD1L255 and RUN. Nothing much!

Continue with the balance of Line 50, adding one line at a time, making the space between units "+1" wider each time (refer to Line 50). When finished, what conclusions can you draw?

In Line 60, we decide to draw a box in an unused area of the screen. Key in Line 60. We decide to make a larger box surrounding the small box. Key in Line 70 and RUN. You should have a nested pair of boxes with red horizontal lines and buff vertical lines.

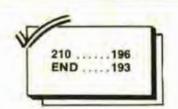
Suppose we painted it? Would color I (C1) stop at both the red and buff borders? And, what color would we get?

Let's paint the area between the big box and the small box. Key in Line 80 without the REM marker and RUN. We get the buff color. Now BREAK and insert the REM marker in front of Line 80

Just to double-check, let us try to paint the triangle that encloses the boxes. Let us see if it butts up against the hypotenuse (diagonal line). Key in Line 90 without the REM marker and RUN. When you are finished reinsert the REM marker.

Make any further tests that you can dream up. If you haven't gotten food for thought and discovered any new insights, RUN and consider the display as modern art.

You should have gained a lot of respect for DRAW. You should have gained some insights about experimenting; hardly a day at the keyboard should go by without learning something new about CoCo. We may never become experts, but let's have fun practicing and experimenting. Next month, we'll make some designs with DRAW.



Listing 1: LISTING 1

Ø 'LISTING1

10 PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,1

15 'GOT0200

20 DRAW"SBBM20,70U6R4D4NL4D2BR3 U6R3D3NL3RD3NL4BR3 NR4U6R4BR3 ND 6R3FD4GNL3BR4 NR4U3NR3U3R4BR3 NR 4D3NR3D3BR7 NR4U6R4BD4NL2D2BR3 U 4NU2R4NU2D4"

30 DRAW"BR3NU6BR3 NUR4NU6BR3 U3 NU3RNE3F3BR3 NU6R4BR3 U6F3E3D6BR 3 U6F4NU4D2BR3 NR4U6R4D6BR3 U6R4 D3L4"

40 DRAW"BM60,90NR2U6R4D6L2NUNDBR 5 U6R4D3L3NLF3BR3 R4U3L4U3R4BR3 R2ND6R2BR3 D6R4U6BR3 D4F2E2U4BR3

D4E3F3U4BR3 DF2G2DBR4UH2E2UBR3 D2F2ND2E2U2BR3 R4DG4DR4"

50 DRAW"BM65,110BRU6NGBR3 R4D4L4 D2R4BR3 R4U3NL3U3NL4BR3D4R3NRNU4 D2BR4 R4U4L4U2R4BR3 D6R4U3NL4BE3 R4D6BR3 NR4U4NR4U2R4D6BR7 U6L4D 3R4BF3 NR4U6R4D6"

100 GOTO100

200 DRAW"S8BM20,60U6R4D4NL4D2BR8 R4U3L4U3R4BR3ND6BR3 ND6F3E3D6BR 3 U6R4D3NL4BE3 D6R4BR3 NR4U3NR3U 3R4BF6BR2"

210 DRAW"U6R4D4NL4D2BR3NU6R4BR3 U6R4D3NL4BF3 U3NU3R5NU3D3BR3 U6R 4D4NL4D2BR3 U6R3D2NL3RD4NL4BR3 N R4U3NR3U3R4BR3 R2ND6R2"

220 DRAW"BM10,80U6BR3 NR4D3R4D3N L4BR10U6NL2R2BR3 D3ND3R5ND3U3BR3 NR4D3NR3D3R4BR8 U6R3D2NL3RD4NL4 BR3 NR4U3NR3U3R4BR3 NR4D3R4D3NL4 BR6 U6NL2R2BR3"

230 DRAW"BR5ND6R4D4NL4D2BR3 NU6R 4BR3 U6R4D3NL4BR3 ND3NU3R4NU3D3B R3 U6R4D4NL4D2BE3R3"

240 DRAW"BM10,100U6R3D2NL3RD4NL4 BR3 NR4U3NR3U3R4BR3 R2ND6R2BR8 R 2ND6R2BR2 NR4D6R4NU6BR8 NR4U6R4B D4NL2D2BR3 NR4U3NR3U3R4BR3 R2ND6 R2BR8"

250 DRAW"D2F2ND2E2U2BR3 NR4D6R4U 6BR3 D6R4NU6BR3 U6R4D3L3NLF3" 260 DRAW"BM10,120U6F3E3D6BR3 NR4 U3NR3U3R4BR3 NR4D3R4D3NL4BR3 R4U 3L4U3R4BR3 ND6R4D4NL4D2BR3 NR4U6 R4BD4NL2D2BR3 NR4U3NR3U3R4BRB" 270 DRAW"ND6R4D4NL4D2BR3 NR4U6R4 BR3 ND6R4D3L3NLF3BR3 NR4U6R4D6BR 3 R4U3L4U3R4BR3 NR4D3R4D3NL4BR4 UBU2U3"

280 DRAW"S8BM50,160U6R4D3L3NLF3B R3 U6R4D4NL4D2BR3 NU6BR3 U5NUF4N U5DBR3 U6R3D2NL3RD4NL4BR3 NR4U6R 4D6BR3 NU6E3F3U6"

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Ø 'LISTING2 10 PMODE4, 1: PCLS: SCREEN1, 1 20 'DRAW"C1BM0, 0F255BL255E255" 30 LINE (0,0) - (255,191) , PSET: LINE -(0,191),PRESET:LINE-(255,0),PSE 40 DRAW"BM50,0D191 BR1U191BR2D19 1BR3U191BR4D191BR5U191BR6D191BR7 U191BR8D191BR8U191BR9D191BR10U19 1BR11D191BR12U191BR13D191BL12U19 1BR13D191BR1U191" 50 DRAW"BM0,80R255BD1L255BD2R255 BD3L255BD4R255BD5L255" 60 DRAW"S8BM220,50R5D5L5U5" 70 DRAW"BM210,70R15U15L15D15" 80 'PAINT (213,68),1,1 90 'PAINT (240,77),1,1 100 GOTO100

#### Bonus listing: CLOVER

Ø 'CLOVER 10 '(C) 1984, J. KOLAR 30 PMODE3: PCLS: PMODE4 40 A=90: B=86: R=76: P=1.70 50 DIM S(7),T(7) 60 CIRCLE(8,8),8,1:CIRCLE(7,7),8 61 DRAW"BMB, ENLINRINUINDINEINFIN G3H3" 70 GET (0,0) - (16,16),5,6 72 CIRCLE (38,8),6,1:PAINT (40,8), 1,1 73 GET (30,0) - (46,16),T.G 80 PCLS: SCREEN1.1 90 FOR Q=. 15 TO .05 STEP -1 100 FORZ=1T07.16 STEPQ:C=Z 110 C=40+(C)+R\*P\*90 115 K=COS(R/2) \*COS(C) \*SIN(C) 120 X=INT(A-6+R\*COS(C)); Y=INT(B-8+R\*SIN(K)) 130 PUT (X+36, Y+10) - (X+52, Y+26),8 , OR 135 PUT (X+36, Y+10) - (X+52, Y+26), T AND: SOUND100.1 140 X=INT(A-6+R\*SIN(K)):Y=INT(B-8+R\*COS(C)) 150 PUT (X+36, Y+8) - (X+52, Y+23), S. 155 PUT (X+36, Y+8) - (X+52, Y+23) .T. AND: SOUND100.1 160 NEXT Z.Q 170 PLAY"V2003LBC02AFA03L16CAFAA

FACV15L8FAAFV10L4C": GOTO90



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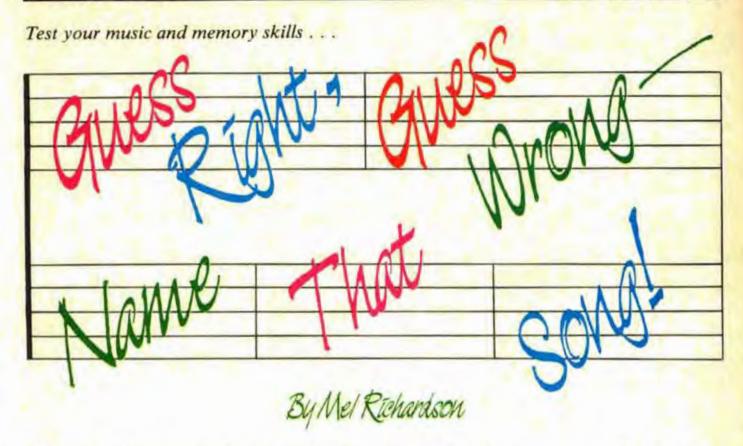
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(Editor's Note: This program has been submitted by Mel Richardson, Irene Erwin and the Gifted/Talented Class at Meadow Homes School in Concord, Calif. Under Mr. Richardson's guidance, it was developed by the 19 students of this class.)

el Richardson instructed the Gifted/Talented Class for eight and one-half months. He brought his own computer for the students to use and prepared lessons the entire time. He taught all the students BASIC computer language and instructed them in programming techniques. None of the students had previous experience in the use of the computer.

In eight and one-half months, the students progressed from the simplest operations to completing two games for use on the TRS-80. At first, many of the students were reluctant even to touch the computer, but as time progressed, many of them became quite proficient. The growth in their knowledge is very evident and extremely exciting. It is particularly refreshing to see students have a chance to develop some expertise in this field.

#### Program Instructions

The game, Name That Song, was developed over a period of about three months after the students had become comfortable with the use of the computer. Since none of us knew much about music, it was a learning experience

for all. We had to learn the names of notes, the value of each note and in which octave to place the notes. Students searched for music they felt would be recognized easily, then programmed the music.

Name That Song consists of an introduction which asks for player number one's name (seated on the left side of the computer using the up-arrow key), then asks for player number two's name (seated on the right side of the computer using the right-arrow key). After a moment's pause, the computer will play one note and give each of the two contestants an opportunity to name the song by pressing his or her respective arrow. If they cannot name the song after one note, an additional note is added after each try up to a total of 15 notes before the computer names the song.

Points are scored for a correct answer and deducted for a wrong answer. The game may be terminated at any time by pressing 'E.' Score and winner will be shown at the end of the game. The computer gives simple, easy-to-follow directions throughout the game.

Graphics were produced to highlight the game, then tried out on a class of students who had not participated in the program. It was an instant success; soon there was a room full of students who wanted a chance to try their skills. For many students, this was the first time they had even touched a computer, but the excitement was contagious. Hopefully, more students will have an opportunity to participate in computer education programs in the future.

(If you have any questions, please call or write Mr. Richardson, 2925 Monument Blvd., Apt. 115, Concord, CA 94520, phone (415) 671-7053.)

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The listing: NAMESONG

10 POKE 65495,0

20 CLEAR 1000

30 CLS: Y=0: X=0

40 NY\$="BR20D20L6H12D12L6U20R6F1 0U10R6"

50 AY\$="R20D20L4U8L12D8L4U20D8BR 4R12U4L12D4BL4U8R20"

60 MY\$="R20D20L4U16L4D16L4U16L4D 16L4U20R20"

70 EY\$="R20D4L16D4R16D4L16D4R16D 4L20U20R20"

BØ TY\$="R20D4L8D16L4U16L8U4R20"

90 HY\$="BR20D20L4U8L12D8L4U20R4D BR12UBR4"

100 BY\$="BR5"

110 TX\$="R28D8L8D20L12U20L8U8R28

120 UX\$="BR28D28L28U28R8D20R12U2

130 NX\$="BR28D28L8U4H12D16L8U28R 8F12U12R8"

140 EX\$="R28D8L20D4R20D4L20D4R20 D8L28U28R28"

150 MZ\$="D16U16R8D16U16R8D16U16"

160 EZ\$="D16R16BUBL16UBR16"

170 AZ\$="D16BR16U8L16U8R16D8U8"

180 DZ\$="D16R12E4UBH4L12R12BR4"

190 OZ\$="D16R16U16L16R16"

200 WZ\$="D16R8U16D16R8U16"

210 HZ\$="D16UBR16D8U16"

220 SZ\$="D8R16D8L16BU16R16"

230 CZ\$="D16R16BU16L16R16"

240 LZ\$="D16R16BU16"

250 CA\$="D12R12BU12L12R12"

260 OA\$="D12R12U12L12R12"

270 NA\$="D12BR12H12BR12D12U12"

280 RA\$="D12U4R8D4U4R4U8L12R12"

290 DA\$="D12R8E4U4H4L8R8"

300 LA\$="D12R12BU12"

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570 QZ\$="BM+6.0" 580 DRAW QZ\$+CZ\$+QZ\$+HZ\$+DZ\$+QZ\$ +0Z\$+QZ\$+LZ\$ 590 DRAW"BM28.172: "+CA\$ 600 QA\$="BM+6.0" 610 DRAW QA\$+DA\$+QA\$+NA\$+QA\$+CA\$ +QA\$+DA\$+QA\$+RA\$+QA\$+DA\$ 620 DRAW"BM164,172; "+CA\$ 630 DRAW QA\$+AA\$+QA\$+LA\$+QA\$+IA\$ +QA\$+FA\$ 640 PAINT (42,14),0,0 650 X=66:Y=14:0=0 660 PAINT (42,14),0,0 670 PAINT (X, Y) . 0.0 680 P=P+1 69Ø X=X+24 700 IF P<3 THEN 670 710 IF P=3 THEN X=142:0=1 720 IF P(7 GOTO 670 730 X=66: Y=46 740 PAINT (X,Y),4,0 750 X=X+34 760 IF X>168 THEN 780 77Ø GOTO 74Ø 780 PLAY X\$ 790 T\$=INKEY\$: IF T\$="" THEN 790

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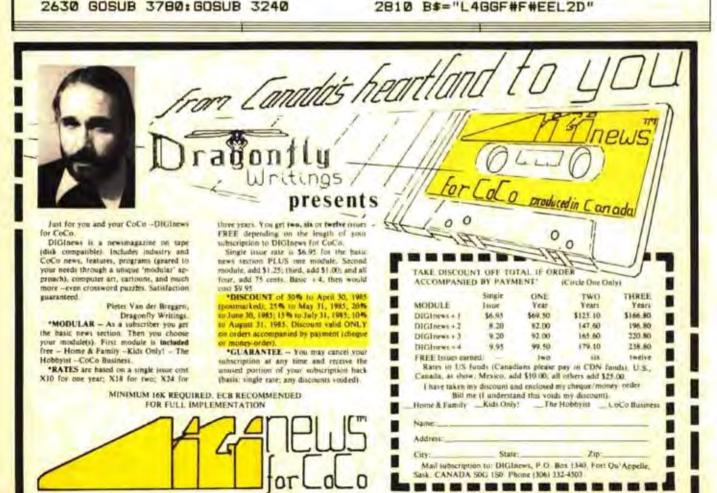
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3210 Q\$(B)="SPDLBCZF@CBCZ" 3220 GOSUB 3780: GOSUB 3240 3230 GOTO 4810 3240 P=0:P=-1:H=0:YX=0 3250 P=P+1:H=H+1:0=0 3260 IF P(0 THEN P=0 3270 CLSP 3280 IF P=>8 THEN LET P=0:P=P-1 3290 X\$=LEFT\$(Q\$.H) 3300 T\$(1)=LEFT\$(Q\$,H+1) 3310 P\$=MID\$(T\$(1),H+1) 3320 IF P\$="#" OR P\$="-" THEN PL AY T\$(1) : YX=YX+1: GOTO 3460 3330 IF MID\$(X\$.H) < CHR\$(65) THEN P=P-1:GOTO 3250 3340 IF MID\$(X\$.H) >CHR\$(72) THE N P=P-1:GOTO 3250 3350 PRINT@2,T\$(2);T" ": U\$ (2) :U: 3360 IF P>0 THEN 3410 3370 CLS 3380 PRINT@230, T\$(2);" USE UP AR ROW": 3390 PRINT@294,U\$(2);" USE RIGHT ARROW": 3400 FOR X=1 TO 1800: NEXT X

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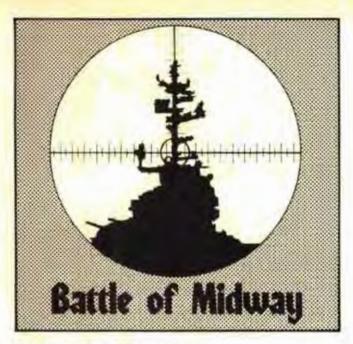
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THEN LET LP=1/YX\*1000:U=U+INT(LP 4090 IF B>177 THEN 4160 4100 IF B=211 THEN LET B=210:GOT 3660 IF T\$=Q\$(1) THEN 4350 04080 3670 IF S\$=CHR\$(94) THEN LET LP= 4110 IF B=177 THEN LET B=196:GOT 1/YX\*1000:T=T-INT(LP) 0 4080 3680 IF S\$=CHR\$(9) THEN LET LP=1 4120 IF B=152 THEN LET B=177:GOT /YX\*1000:U=U-INT(LP) 0 4080 3690 IF T(0 THEN T=0 4130 IF B=107 THEN LET B=137:GOT 3700 IF U(0 THEN U=0 04080 3710 GOTO 3910 4140 IF B=61 THEN LET B=92:60TO 3720 PLAY Q\$(6):PLAY Q\$ 4080 3730 Q\$(6)="T2" 4150 B=B+15:GOTO 4080 3740 CLS: PRINT@232, " PRESS ANY K 4160 PAINT (210,86),0,0 4170 PAINT (82,74),3,0 3750 PRINT@2,T\$(2);T;" ";U\$(2) 4180 B=132 ; U; 4190 PAINT (B,74),3,0 3760 T\$= INKEY\$: IF T\$="" THEN 3 4200 IF B>200 THEN 4220 4210 B=B+24:GOTO 4190 3770 CLS: RETURN 4220 PAINT (81,95),0,0 3780 B\$="": M\$="": VV=0: N=LEN (Q\$ (1 4230 PAINT(81,85),3,0 4240 PAINT (122,95),3,0 3790 CLS: PRINT@230, "ONE MOMENT P 4250 PAINT (222,84),3,0 LEASE" 4260 PAINT (222,95),3,0



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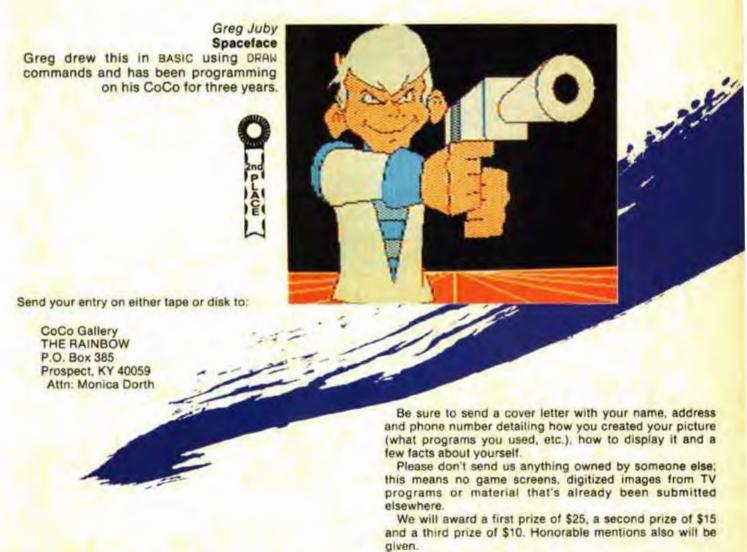
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In conjunction with THERAINBOW's Scoreboard, we offer this column of pointers for our game-playing readers' benefit. If you have some interesting hints and tips, we encourage you to share them by sending them to the Scoreboard, c/o THE RAINBOW.

### TAKING A POLE

Scorehoard:

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In response to Lane Sheiton's letter [April 1985, Page 160] concerning Shenanigans, in order to get the pole into the cave you must first find the trap door in the ceiling of the lower level of the cave. You will rise through the floor of the cabin, then get the pole and take it down with you.

One last thing - ever heard of sliding down a Rainbow? In this game, it's fatal,

If anyone can help me once I'm on the mystery-coordinate planet in Trekboer, I'd appreciate it. My address is 141 Lovers Lane, 43952.

George Caleodis Steubenville, OH

### SOLUTIONS FOR HIRE

Scoreboard:

Attention Adventurers! Many of you have read Ryan Elam's letter in the November 1984 issue of THE RAINBOW and have written for solutions. Well, for those of you who are interested, Ryan Elam has moved and can no longer continue to offer solutions. Instead, I am making the same type of offer, but with a few more Adventures.

I have several Adventures solved and available for \$1 per solution. They are encoded and come with a decoder program and instructions. These solutions are available: Blackbeard's Island, Black Sanctum. Calixto Island. Dallas Quest. Major Istar, Mystic Munston, Sands of Egypt, Sea Quest, Shenanigans, Trekhoer, Bedlam, Pyramid and Rooka-Tu.

Please include one stamp for return postage or two stamps if ordering three or more solutions. Write to 539 S. Berthe Ave.,

> Mikel Rice Panama City, FI.

### TIPS FOR TREKBOER

Scoreboard:

I solved the Adventure game Trekboer and found the most difficult part of the game to be past the bridge on Alton.

Once you have found the amulet and have the capsule and a beaker full of acid, you are ready to cross the bridge. Once past it, type 60 FIELD. Be sure, however, that you have tied the rope to the tree east of the bridge before crossing.

For additional tips on Trekboer write to me at 939 S. Harriet, 46151. Please include a SASE.

Jim Cockrum Martinsville, IN

#### BOARD WITH BUGS!

Scoreboard:

For Radio Shack's Klendathu, my brother and I would like to give bug-killers these

If you're looking for Queen's Boards, stay in the corners of the grid. Also, when you push the space har to start your jump, if the board immediately under your trooper says "bug," then wait. The square you are on will light up as a Queen's Board. Finally, if you wait for time to run out while you are on the scoreboard, you will make a tremendous amount of money. I have made as much as \$340,000,000.

We need help with Pyramid, Rauka-Tu and Madness and the Minotaur. Anyone with information please write to me at 1010 Montelair Circle, 44145

> Dan Franzen Wesitake, OH

### SPELL IT

Scoreboard:

In Madness and the Minotaur, if your lamp runs out of oil, find the urn and type FILL LAMP. This will solve your problem. When you are in the room with the Narcissus plants, type OPEN CURTRINS, Sometimes they will open, sometimes not. When they do, you'll find there's a passage you can "jump" into. Whenever you start a new game, go upstairs immediately. Sometimes you will find the dagger there and sometimes food. If you have food, no more will appear until you eat what you have.

How do you know when you have gotten a spell and how do you use it?

I have solved Calisto Island and Bedlam. I need help with Madness and the Minotaur, Pyramid, Raaka-Tu and Black Sancrum. If anybody can help me with these or if anyone needs help with Bedlam, Calixto Island or other neat things in Madness and the Minoraur, write to me at 474 Montague Ave., R3L 177.

> Ric Miller Winnipeg, Manutoba

think it's a great Adventure, but without graphics it is not quite as good. What I would like to know is do the other Radio Shack Adventures (Bedlam, Raaka-Tu and Madness and the Minotaur) have graphics? If anyone writes to me concerning the above Adventures, please tell me (if you know) whether or not any of the Radio Shack Adventures have graphics.

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Brett Noble Redlands, CA in Madness and the Minotaur, or how to light the lantern in Black Sanctum?

If anyone needs help with Pyramid. Raaka-Tu. Dungeons of Daggorath, Bedlam or Calixto Island, feel free to write to me at 1605 Fleetwood Ct., 62549.

Robbie Sablomy Mt. Zion, IL

### FADING AWAY

Scorehoard:

Yes, the Minotaur is driving me to madness. I must know before it is too late; Where is the lamp oil? Why are the walls a strange color? And what is the eeric glow from behind the rocks? I'm slipping away fast. Please help! Send the answers, or the name of a good institution, to 1137-A Pebble Creek Pkwy., 35208.

Doug Miles Birmingham, AL

Scoreboard:

I have a suggestion to anyone who writes a letter to be printed in the "Scoreboard" section of THE RAINBOW. If you expect to have a written response to your letter from other readers, please include your street address (and ZIP code) in your letter. It is quite difficult to respond to a letter without all of the necessary information.

Randolph L. Harrison Wilmington, OH

### SHARK REPELLENT

Scoreboard:

To get past the sharks in Sea Quest, get the metal detector, go to the bottom of the stairs and go east once. PUSH BUTTON, DIG and GET MIRROR. Give the mirror to the mermaid to get a key to the trap door in the beach house. In the attic (through the trap door) you will find a bottle. Go to the sharks and OPEN BUTTLE and the sharks will leave.

If you would like the solutions to either Sea Quest or Sands of Egypt, or if you have a few questions about them, send a SASE to 30994, Bedford Dr., 92373.

This week I finally purchased Pyramid. From reading all the letters in this section, I was expecting a lot. I didn't even think about the fact that there might not be graphics. I expected there would be, I still

Scorehoard:

Lam in a position to offer comprehensible, step-by-step help sheets on the following: Black Sanctum, Calixio Island, Trekboer and Sands of Egypt. They are printouts of all the necessary inputs to get you through the game.

I also might be able to help with these: Alpha II, Bedlam, Head of the Beast, Karrak, Lurkley Manor and Raaka-Tu. And I've had many good landings with Worlds of Flight and Flight Simulator and may have some tips.

If you feel I can help, please send a SASE to me and I'll be happy to respond to your request. My address is 11403 48th Dr., N.E.,

James K. Knight Marysville, WA

Scoreboard:

I have solved the games Head of the Beast and Lurkley Manor. I have the maps for both of these and if anyone needs help, please write, My address is 146 Woodward Ave., P.O. Box 1312, POR 1B0.

Martin Steinke Blind River, Ontario

Scoreboard:

I have solved Sands of Egypt. If anyone needs help, call (813) 251-6117 after 5 p.m., or send a SASE to me at 2801 Sitios Ave., 33629. I need help or clues for Sea Quest. Trekboer, Shenanigans and Calixto Island.

William Triplett Tampa, FL

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

Scoreboard:

Does anyone know how to open the crypt

### SLITHERING PAST THE SERPENT

Scorehoard:

I have had the Adventure game Pyramid 2000 for about a year. I have never been able to get by the serpent in the pharaoh's chamber. Could someone please write to me and tell me how? My address is 11351 St. Laurent Dr., S9A 3P6.

Erik Nickel North Buttleford, Saskatchewan

### NEEDY NEOPHYTE

Scoreboard:

Help! I am a reader in need. I need help with Pyramid. You see, I am new at all text Adventures and I mainly need help with the snake and the maze. I heard that a bird will kill the snake. Is this true? I have found the vase, but what do you do with it; you can't set it down. If anyone can help me, please send me the answers or clues at 6212 Glenhaven Dr., 79762. Help, please!

Nathan Sykes Odessa, TX

### CAVE CANEM

Scorehoard:

In the game Bedlam, I can't get past the dog in the kennel. It's driving me crazy! Do any of your readers have an idea that would help me?

Also, in the game Black Sanctum, how do you sprinkle the ash into the circle at the end of the game? My brother and I spent days getting to the end, only to find we can't "sprinkle" the ash. We dropped it and were killed instantly. If you have a solution send it to 1441 Kearney Drive, 08902. Please help us!

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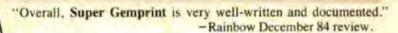
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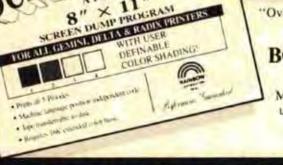


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This month the Seal of Certification has been issued to:

The Ultimate Color Computer Reference Guide And Toolkit, a book by David D. McLeod and Robert van der Poel which provides a comprehensive BASIC reference manual with command references, techniques to write more efficient programs and BASIC and machine language subroutines for incorporation into the user's programs. CMD Micro, Computer Services Ltd., 10447-124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5N 1R7, \$27.95 U.S. plus \$3.50 S/H, \$34.95 CND. plus \$3.50 S/H

The Software Kit For The Ultimate Color Computer Reference Guide And Toolkit, the tape or disk companion to CMD Micro's book. The Ultimate Color Computer Reference Guide And Toolkit, containing executable code for all subroutines discussed in the text. CMD Micro, Computer Services Ltd., 10447-124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5N 1R7, cassette \$12.95 U.S. plus \$1.50 S/H, \$14.95 CND. plus \$1.50 S/H, disk \$14.95 U.S. plus \$1.50 S/H, \$17.95 CND. plus \$1.50 S/H

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DUDUL, a 64K ECB graphics doodling program requiring a joystick or mouse with screen services such as memory save, memory restore, memory exchange and file. Comes on cassette capable of being transferred to disk with a Diskshow program as well as a Tapeshow program. Doug Dugan, 4514 Wichita, St. Louis, MO 63310, cassette \$22 plus \$2 S/H

Remote Plus 1.1, a 64K host communications program requiring RS-232 or similar for use as both a stand-alone host routine or as a terminal driver routine within a BBS program. Featured are the recognition of all Extended BASIC and disk commands and the addition of 20 other commands. E.D.C. Industries. P.O. Box 42718, Los Angeles, CA 90050, \$24.95 plus \$2.50 S/H

ViziDraw, a 64K graphics utility requiring joysticks or a mouse to create graphics and text for output to printer such as camera ready layouts for advertising, article illustration and/or cover art, ViziDraw can be used to edit a printed page of text or standard full-screen, two-color Hi-Res graphics screens. Also, multicolor graphics is supported with GET/PUT and fill operations. GRAFX, P.O. Box 254, West Mifflin, PA 15122, cassette or disk \$49.95 plus \$2 S/H

Fast Food Math, a 32K ECB educational game designed to aid students, grades two through eight, in learning to handle money. There are four levels of difficulty ranging from the amount of change (calculated and displayed by the computer) to totaling the entire order, finding the sales tax, adding the two totals, computing the change and returning the correct change to the customer. MESA, Middletown High School, Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02840, cassette \$24, disk \$26 plus \$2.50 S/H

Magic Lessons 1-3 and/or 4-6, two 32K ECB programs requiring a disk drive to teach six different magic tricks. Each set comes with the necessary props to achieve the different effects. The text screen is Hi-Res with graphics illustrations to aid in mastering the tricks. Merlin's Software, 11515 Casey Rd., Tampa, FL 33624, cassettes \$19.95 each

c Language Instant Reference Card, an 8½" by 11" plastic reference card providing a concise summary of C language for those using or learning C to avoid breaking concentration to go on a manual hunt while programming. Micro Logic Corp., P.O. Box 174, Dept. F., Hackensack, NJ 07602, \$5.95 plus \$1 S/H

More Keys, a 15-key numeric keypad to plug inside CoCo for the convenience of rapid numeric data entry. Comes with cable and connector; you must specify computer model. Moreton Bay, 316 Castillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, \$69.95 plus \$2 S/H

ALCATRAZ, a 32K ECB text Adventure. The scenario: You find yourself imprisoned unjustly and sentenced to death. You must escape to prove your innocence. Featured are many logic problems to test the skills of experienced players. Owls Nest Software, P.O. Box 579, Ooltewah, TN 37363, cassette \$17.95, disk \$20.95

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CoCo Echo, a 16K printer utility that allows the user to dump a text screen to the printer. Tothian Software, P.O. Box 663, Rimersburg, PA 16248, cassette \$9.95 Solar Explorer, a 32K ECB electronic book providing an introductory course in astronomy. Featured are basic facts about the planets in our solar system, Earth's moon, the planets' distance from the sun, length of years for planets, temperature, diameter, gravity, density, mass and atmosphere for each "wanderer." Radio Shack stores nationwide, \$19.95

Guide To Super Software for the TRS-80 Color Computer, a book by Scott L. Norman which discusses most of the major applications software for the CoCo, including word processing software, spelling checkers, mail-merge packages, spreadsheets and database managers. Scott, Foresman and Company, Professional Publishing Group, 1900 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026, \$18.95

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Triple Joyport Switcher, an accessory that allows switching back and forth of joysticks, mouse, touch pad and/or light pen. Spectrum Projects, Inc., P.O. Box 21272, Woodhaven, NY 11421, \$39.95 plus \$3 S/H

Super Voice, a 32-64K speech synthesizer allowing the user to write talking BASIC programs, specifying inflection, intonation, articulation and filtration. Also possible are music, singing over a six octave range and sound effects. Speech Systems, 38W 255 Deerpath Road, Batavia, IL 60510, \$79.95 plus \$2 S/H

CoCo Testem, a 32K ECB education utility requiring an 80-column printer with underline function to create and print tests. Possible are the creation of multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, true/false and matching tests. Tothian Software, P.O. Box 663, Rimersburg, PA 16248, cassette \$19.95

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School Days, a 32K ECB game which presents true to life teaching experiences and challenges you to make the choice that will benefit the students, impress the administration and preserve your sanity. Tothian Software, P.O. Box 663, Rimersburg, PA 16248, cassette \$19.95

Screen Inverter, a 16K BASIC utility that allows the user to write BASIC programs on a dark text screen with light letters. Tothian Software, P.O. Box 663, Rimersburg, PA 16248, cassette \$9.95

Sound Generator, a 16K ECB program that will draw sound waves as you hear them and make machine language sound that can be EXECuted by BASIC. Tothian Software, P.O. Box 663, Rimersburg, PA 16248, cassette \$19.95

Ledger One, a 32-64K ECB financial utility for single entry bookkeeping and accounting requiring a disk drive for random access data storage and processing. Possible are the recording of several hundred transactions and the selection of any two dates for Ledger One to display all transactions made in that interval. The same data may be sent to the printer at any time, as well as viewed on the screen. West Bay Company, Route 1, Box 666, White Stone, VA 22578, cassette or disk \$20

The Seal of Certification program is open to all manufacturers of products for the TRS-80 Color Computer, the TDP-100, or the Dragon-32, regardless of whether they advertise in THE RAINBOW. By awarding a Seal, the magazine certifies the program does exist, but this does not constitute any guarantee of satisfaction. As soon as possible, these hardware or software items will be forwarded to THE RAINBOW'S reviewers for evaluation.

Monica Dorth

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# REVIEWING REVIEWS

### LIBRARYI

Editor:

I was disappointed by the review of Library I in the April 1985 issue of RAINBOW [Page 195]. The review does not provide enough information for the potential buyer to decide whether or not Library I is worth owning.

Library I is a productivity tool specifically for use on a CoCo with Color Disk EDTASM, and at least 32K and one disk drive. This is a package for the assembly language programmer, from novice to expert, who is using Color Disk EDTASM.

Perhaps the simplest way to demonstrate the ease of using this package is to show the code necessary to define, open, read and close a disk file in assembly language using Library 1. For this example, assume an assembly language program in which the Library source files have been included. The section of code needed to define, open, read and close a disk file would be:

DCB F1, "NAME", "EXT", PBUF, LBUF, 25,4

DOPEN FI DREAD FI DCLOSE FI

The review states that "the package does well what it sets out to do." What Sadare Software set out to do with Library I was increase the productivity of assembly language programmers by removing the tedium of coding mundane tasks. This was accomplished by providing macros calls that use a clear and consistent syntax. We did the mundane tasks so the assembly language programmer can concentrate on the creative. We feel that we did well what we set out to do.

Craig Hunt Sadare Software

Editor:

The package, as I said before, does its job well, and its documentation is admirable. Given that I have indicated what that job is and who might be expected to find it useful, what more, within the confines of a brief notice, need be said?

R.W. Odlin Sedro-Woolley, WA

### LIZPACK

Editor

I enjoyed the review of LIZPACK in the March 1985 issue [Page 212]. The address at the end of the review, however, was the author's and not that of Prickly-Pear Software; 2640 N. Conestoga Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85749, Also, LIZPACK retails for \$195 instead of \$200.

Joanne Chintis Prickly-Pear Software

### QUIZ KIDS

Editor

We would like to thank the reviewer of QUIZ KIDS for his detailed and thoughtful review.

The intention of QUIZ KIDS is to introduce the child to a learning environment similar to BASIC, so that the eventual transition from LOGO to BASIC will be easier. The brisk sales of QUIZ KIDS confirm that this program fills a long-standing void in the educational software available for the CoCo.

Bernice Klein B & B Software

### MAZE RUNNER

Editor:

Thank you for reviewing Maze Runner (April 1985, Page 217) and the kind words of Bruce Rothermel. I can appreciate Bruce's problems with being a perpetual traince. I wrote the program, but it is my children who occasionally make it through the inner circle and on to a treat Bruce and I may never experience, the Mother Maze. For those of you contemplating the challenge, you may not be aware that Harmonycs and Color Connection merged. Maze Runner (and my other programs: Amortization, Match & Spell, TIC-TAC-TOE MATH and DIET-ADE) can now be purchased from Color Connection Software, 1060 Buddlea Drive, Sandy, Utah 84070. The price is the same.

> Dennis O. Dorrity Color Connection Software

### DATALIST

Editor:

We would like to thank RAINBOW and Gary Smith for the complimentary review of DATALIST in the March 1985 issue IPage 2181.

The latest version of DATALIST provides the additional capability of totaling any or all fields for report purposes. There is now a disk version of DATALIST with the added feature of allowing tape files to be loaded by the disk version.

We hope these comments will be helpful to your readers and we commend Gary Smith for his fine review.

> Arlin Karger Computer Associates, Inc.

### BURNER+

Editor:

I would like to thank RAINBOW and Mr. Ellers for reviewing our product, the Burner+, in the February 1985 issue [Page 228]. Overall, the review was very complimentary with only two minor errors.

Mr. Ellers pointed out that the Burner+ will program the 2708 EPROM. The 2708 is an old IK EPROM that is very rarely used today. The reason for this is that the 2708 requires three separate power supplies (+5V, -5V, and +12V). The Burner+ will only program single supply (+5V) EPROMs. Luckily, multi-supply EPROMs are not used in modern systems.

In regard to 16K EPROMs (27128), Mr. Ellers stated that the last few hundred addresses of these cannot be programmed. This is not true. The entire 16K of these EPROMs can be programmed by the Burner+. The only restriction is in reading the last 256 addresses when you deselect Disk BASIC. This means you could have Disk 1.0 in one half of the 27128 for compatibility's sake, and some Super DOS in the other half for all those special features. This EPROM could then either stay in the Burner+ or it could be mounted inside the controller to free up the Burner+.

Once again, thanks to Ed Ellers and THE

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Obviously, that's easier said than done because in order to get to the other planet, you're going to have to survive wave upon wave of flying objects — some of them natural debris that you'd expect to encounter in space, such as asteroids and meteors. Others take the shape of guided missiles, alien fighters and enemy transporters.

As the game begins, you are given the option of setting the level of play — easy, medium and hard. You probably should start at the lowest level since all three levels are fairly difficult. You receive five turns per game, with an opportunity to earn an extra turn for every 25,000 points you put on the scoreboard. Points are allocated as follows: asteroids, 25; meteors, 50; missiles, 200; fighters, 250; transporters, 500. When you reach 25,000 points, you enter a laser trench. There's no relief there because the aliens have already arrived.

Meteors and asteroids flow toward you continuously from the left side of the screen during your mission. Fighters usually appear first at the upper right-hand corner, cross the screen and then attempt to knock you out of the atmosphere — either with bullets or by bumping into you. From below missiles are launched, sometimes by the dozens.

If things get too far out of control, you have an option of pressing the space bar to destroy all enemy objects on the screen. You can only use this option twice, however. There is a pause feature, but if you wait until an object is right upon you, it's going to get you sooner or later.

The only thing working against Galactic Fighter is that it's the latest in a long, long line of space games. If that doesn't bother you, you will enjoy this challenging and nicely done effort. You may even spend hours trying to save the Earth like this reviewer did.

(Four Star Software, P.O. Box 730, Streetsville, Ontario, Canada L5M 2C2, tape \$19.95 U.S., \$24.95 CDN., disk \$24.95 U.S., \$29.95 CDN.)

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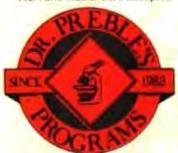
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# Congress Takes You On A Presidential Quest

By Theodore S. Arrington

Leadership of Congress is one of the most challenging and important tasks of the American presidency. Yet many citizens have little understanding of the nature of this relationship. One way to learn about this part of the political world is to be elected to office and get on-the-job training. If that is more commitment than you can manage right now, a computer Simulation, such as the one written by Jeff Stevens of B-5 Software, is the next best thing.

His program, appropriately called Congress, is not just a game or merely a teaching program. It is a true Simulation. When a computer program copies something from the real world with careful attention to the accurate reproduction of essential parts and their interrelationships, this is called a "Simulation."

Congress requires 32K and Extended BASIC. I reviewed the disk version which loaded without any problems and can be backed up with normal procedures. The documentation is adequate, clearly written and includes hints on the use of the software as a teaching aid.

The Simulation first gives the user a Hi-Res picture of the Capitol and some music; then comes an application form to apply for the presidency. This gives the computer information on the user and sets some variables in the Simulation, such as the president's party. The application has a place for the user to give his/her name, which allows the computer's responses to be personalized.

The computer then asks the new president/user to choose between two possible policies on each of a number of prominent political issues. These issues are current, but may seem dated to students in two or three years. In most cases, one of the choices offered on each issue is conservative and one is liberal, but these choices are not strategic. That is, if the Congress is overwhelmingly Democratic, then a president would find it easier to push liberal measures through than conservative ones. This is not the case here, as this element of strategy has been simplified away. The

policy choices are merely to give the user the feeling of pushing policies he/she believes in.

The user also chooses which party to join. This is an important choice, because the computer will determine the party lineup in each house of Congress by a random function at the beginning of each game, and the proportion in the president's party in each house largely (but not totally) determines success. The user has to choose a party before knowing the outcome of the election.

All this is true to life in that party is the most important variable in presidential success in Congress and a president's party may do relatively well or badly in congressional elections. It would be nice if the program had a version in which one could pre-set the party proportions. Because the party division changes for each game, it is hard to tell which strategies are most effective. For example, in one round my party might be the minority in each house. I might make all the right stragetic decisions and still get a very low score. In the next round I might make wrong choices, but win because my party dominated both houses. While this is very realistic, it might not aid learning as

much as a separate version which allows the setting of this important variable.

The president/player also gets to choose which of several states he/she wishes to bless with pork barrel benefits to help win support for the rest of the president's program. I assume that it is best to choose the most populous states, but I can't tell because the effect of party realistically wipes out the effect of pork barrel choices. This means I would have to play hundreds of games and record the results to detect the proper strategy — or sneak a look at the code.

Then the game starts, Simple Y/N or numerical choices from a menu allow the president/user to make choices. The program is interesting visually and includes good error trapping. For example, if the choices are 'l' to '6' and one types anything else, it sounds a musical note and prompts one to try again. The only annoying feature is that between parts of the game and at the end the computer draws a Hi-Res picture of the American flag and plays one of several patriotic songs. One should be able to cut these musical interludes short by pressing ENTER.

In play, the user must choose which policy to push first. There is no sign that this is a strategic choice, except that one might run out of time before everything is passed. Thus, the player might first push the policy he/she most favors. This would not yield more points, but might make a psychological difference. The Simulation realistically places time limits on the player, but this is not "real time." Rather there is a 24-month counter in the game to reflect the two-year term of Congress. As one tries to push pieces of legislation through the various parts of the legislature, this counter slowly ticks away.

During the play, the computer tells you where your

### One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

ILineZap is a one-line disk zap program that will allow users to look directly at all sectors on a disk to see what they contain. At the bottom of the screen are two numbers; the first is the track number (between zero and 34) and the second is the sector number (between one and 18). You can change tracks and sectors using the four arrow keys. If you get an ?FC Error message, it means you are trying to read a track or sector that is not on the disk. If this happens, simply run the program again.

### The listing:

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> Eric Tilenius Huntington Station, NY

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

legislation is in the congressional process. Thus, with repeated usage the player will learn the complicated procedures of the Congress. The programmer has, in part, simplified these procedures. One example is that most legislation can originate in either house, and most bills are introduced into both houses at the same time, but in Congress it is described as if a bill starts in the House of Representatives and then goes to the Senate, However, sometimes action in committee is so fast that the player cannot really tell what is going on and appreciate the process. (Subcommittees and the Rules Committee in the House of Representatives are simplified out of existence.)

Occasionally, the process stops and the computer asks whether the player wants to use one of the favors that members of Congress owe to reduce the number of amendments to a bill, discourage new amendments, or help passage. These prerogatives or tools for persuasion are limited in number. Thus, the president/user learns the value of conserving resources to gain maximum advantage, If the president's party has sufficient support in both houses and he/she uses these resources properly, then some bills will get through Congress with few amendments.

This success determines the score. The rate is 100 points per bill for a maximum of 500 points. Less than 100 points is awarded if Congress attached more than five amendments to a bill. After 10 amendments, one actually loses points if the bill is signed or passed over a veto. Deciding whether to sign a bill with five to ten amendments or veto it is realistically tricky, but the Simulation could be better if the threat of veto could be applied earlier.

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For example: "The committee tells me that they can pass your bill with six amendments. Will you sign such a bill?" The player would then have to decide whether to take this "half a loaf" or threaten veto and try to get a better deal by using some owed favor. This illustrates my main criticism of the program: that the president is too much of bystander to the process. He/she makes decisions to affect the outcome only sporadically. This feature is true to life, but it serves to teach the frustrations of the presidency at the expense of greater learning about how presidents persuade members of Congress, and other political actors, to go along.

When the president/player gets all of his/her legislation passed or runs out of time, the computer tallies up the score. It then compares the performance to that of other presidents. If you do very poorly, it compares you to Jimmy Carter and suggests that your popularity is comparable to that of Nixon during Watergate or Johnson during the Vietnam War, If you do somewhat better, you may be compared to Jefferson or Truman.

My suggestions for improvement should not imply that this is a bad piece of software. On the contrary, Congress is a super program. It simulates and teaches some very important political concepts: Congressional procedures, conservation of political resources, importance of party support, allocation of resources, the importance of big states, the feeling of helplessness as Congress works over programs, and the fact that the opportunity for presidential influence is sporadic. Moreover, it is interesting and fun to play, at least for a while.

It should be used, however, in the manner suggested in the documentation. It is of limited use if a teacher just gives it to a student and says "Here, go play with this and be quiet." The student needs to talk the strategies over with other students and be led by a knowledgeable instructor. When used in this way, I think Congress is appropriate, as the manufacturer suggests, in any grade from junior high school and up. It would even work at the state university where I teach. If I could only get Congress to approve more money to buy additional CoCos!

(B-5 Software, 1024 Bainbridge Place, Columbus, OH 43228, cassette \$29.95, disk \$31.95)

### One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

This one-liner will, whenever you input a command. produce what looks like a cold start. It will run on any CoCo, but you should modify it to match the computer you use.

### The listing:

1 CLS: PRINT"DISK EXTENDED COLOR BASIC 1.0 COPYRIGHT (C) 1981 B Y TANDY UNDER LICENSE FROM M ICROSOFT": PRINT: PRINT"OK": LINEIN PUT""; LS: CLS: FOR T=1T01500: NEXT T: GOTO1

Jeff White Tampa, FL

(For this winning one-lines contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainb Simulations Tape.)

# VIEW II: Slow Scan TV At A Price That Can't Be Beat

If the true reason were known for my interest in computers, especially the CoCo, I would have to use ham radio as a starting point. I have said all along that in addition to having one of the most advanced microprocessors, the CoCo's peripheral ports are there, limited only by the programmer's ingenuity. Needless to say, when I received the VIEW II package for review, I was elated at the prospect of transmitting and receiving SSTV (Slow Scan Television) just by a direct connection between my ham transceiver and my cassette port.

Actually, this review covers two separate products. VIEW II is the software necessary to convert your CoCo into an 8.5 second black-and-white slow scan transceiver. The Coco Grey is a hardware modification to the CoCo that allows a Hi-Res screen of 128 by 128 pixels with 16 gray levels.

Another product, called View-Edit, consists of a package of image generation and enhancement utilities that allows editing of all types of graphics information. View-Edit will be reviewed at a later date.

To use VIEW II, you must have a 64K CoCo and at least one disk drive. A monitor is necessary for the Coco Grey as it provides composite video out.

As you may know, there are a few packages on the market for the reception of SSTV with the CoCo. They all require extensive modification to the CoCo in the way of external hardware. With the VIEW II software, you just input SSTV audio onto your cassette port and watch the picture appear on your screen. Sending a picture is just as easy; just plug the output of your CoCo into your transmitter.

There are several utilities for storing and retrieving pictures from disk. If a picture is received that you really like, saving it to disk is a snap. Conversely, the pictures you wish to send can be loaded from a menu-driven routine that allows picture selection by the touch of one key. All of the features of VIEW II can be accessed by either the keyboard or a joystick.

One nice feature of VIEW II is a digital zoom feature. Upon selecting zoom, a one-quarter size rectangle appears allowing you the choice of which part of the picture you wish to enlarge. It is fun to watch the process as it is accomplished on the screen.

Another utility allows screen dumps of the image in memory. Drivers are included for Epson, PMC and DMP printers. We used the Epson driver for a Gemini-10X and it worked fine.

With VIEW II you are given the software to convert images produced by the Micro Works DS-69 Digisector to a VIEW II format. This is nice for live pictures, or maybe snatching screens from TV or video tapes. The images can then be stored in the VIEW II format.

The standard Hi-Res screen of the CoCo can only produce five levels of gray. This is OK, but not acceptable for most video information. To remedy this situation,

SoftCircuits has designed a hardware board using advanced real-time video enhancements to provide 16 gray levels.

The board measures 2.5 by 2.9 inches and fits on a piggyback socket arrangement on top of the 6847 VDG chip. I have an 'E' Board and had to permanently remove part of the top shield for the connection to the VDG. Elaborate instructions are given on installation on the various CoCo boards.

The VIEW II software is the actual SSTV package, but it is greatly enhanced by the Coco Grey. Pictures were actually sent and received with this combination. Several demo pictures are provided on the disk which attest to the quality of video that is possible. I am not trying to say this is the best SSTV receiver I have seen, since obviously the filtering on some commercial units is far superior to the zero crossing detector used in the CoCo. At the same time, from an economic standpoint, it can't be beat. I'm on slow scan now for less than \$150 and can do things with pictures that people with 10 times that amount invested can't do!

(SoftCircuits, 401 S.W. 75th Terrace, North Lauderdale, FL 33068, VIEW II disks \$24.95 each, VIEW-EDIT disks \$24.95 each, CoCo Grey \$100)

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# ColorStat — A Good Statistical Program For Beginners

By J.B. Garner

I have taught, researched and consulted in statistics since 1961, and for the last 12 months I have been using my CoCo to perform statistical calculations on small data sets. Color BASIC contains good mathematical subroutines and is an easy, flexible language with which to program (especially when enhanced by the J&M DOS). With CoCo, I have been able to perform logistic regression and other routines which some well-known mainframe statistical packages, such as SPSS (Version 8) are unable to do.

ColorStat is a small program on tape which enables the user to construct a data file of limited size and then perform various limited statistical calculations on the data it contains.

The uses of the program are very clearly explained in a well-produced 49-page manual. This manual is about the clearest and best produced I have seen. However, it explains how to use the program, not how to understand the program's output.

The first menu offers data file maintenance, descriptive statistics, frequency distribution and histogram, correlation/linear regression (and the paired sample t-test), prediction from this regression equation, multiple regression (with two independent variables), and analysis of variance for the

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one-way experimental design. The data file maintenance section guides the user on how to prepare a new file, rename the present file, rename a variable, add records to a file, display, update, print a file, read a file from tape and to write a file to tape.

Files are produced in the usual statistical layout by placing the data into a rectangular array with rows representing subjects, such as people or animals, and columns representing the variables, such as age, weight, height measured on each subject. The program describes each row as a "record," and carefully guides the user to make an appropriate data file.

In the 16K version of the program, a DIM statement in the first line limits the user to 75 records of six variable values each. On the reverse side of the tape, a 32K version of the program appears identical, apart from lines 1 and 9500, allowing 500 records of six variables each. With some tenacity, these limits may be altered by the user.

The program is written in BASIC and may be placed on disk, listed, copied or altered without any problems. The only time a POKE statement is used is to determine whether the printer is ready. The use of BASIC allowed me to see exactly how each calculation was performed and to be able to make this review more helpful to the reader.

If you wish to use a disk, you should change the device number of certain input and output statements; if you wish to print the histogram or scatterdiagram on the CGP-115, you must remember to switch to the 80-column mode (as these diagrams are printed by means of X's and zeros). All program output may be switched to a printer to give a permanent version, as may a copy of each record.

In trying to use the program without reading the manual the only difficulties I had were the abbreviations "DV" for the dependent or outcome variable, and "IV" for the independent or input variable.

The output for descriptive statistics gives the mean (average), sum, sum of squares (not the more usual sum of squared deviations!), standard deviation (divisor N), standard deviation (divisor N-1), the minimum and the maximum, for any selected variable.

The output does not give the sample size, the standard error of the mean or the name (or number) of the relevant variable. The distribution/histogram choice gives a frequency distribution in, at most, five (equally spaced) cells and a corresponding block diagram in attractive colors. The axes of the block diagram do not contain any labeling. The manual advises this may be added by means of the GRAPHIC package (Cat. No. 26-3157/Cat. No. 26-3251).

The correlation/linear regression selection gives the means of the two variables, the correlation between them and the slope and y-intercept of the regression of 'y' (the DV) on 'x' (the IV). It does not give the t-test value (or the correlation (slope), the sample size, the standard error of the slope or the standard deviation of the scatter about the regression line. On the other hand, if 'y' and 'x' were paired samples (such as scores on the same people before and after treatment), the program does print out the value of the relevant paired t-test and its degrees of freedom. A Lo-Res scattergram with or without a plot of the regression line is available. The prediction selection, made after the correlation selection, prints out the predicted 'y' value for any 'x' value you may wish to input. The standard errors of these predictions are not given.

Choosing multiple regression enables you to regress one variable on two others. In this section the printout is essentially complete. Unfortunately, as it stands there is a flaw in the program. Using the data given in the manual, namely four records containing age, sex and income, and repeatedly running the multiple regression of age on sex and income, I obtained a different equation on each occasion! The problem is that one accumulating variable, X2(6), is not cleared to zero before use. Change J=1 TD 5 to J=1 TD 6 in Line 8500 to remove the difficulty.

The final selection enables the user to obtain a one-way analysis of variance together with the means and standard deviations of the separate treatment groups. Here the omission of the separate sample sizes is more of a difficulty, and in Line 6820 the denominator of the expression for the standard deviation appears incomplete, 'N' being written for (NI(J)-1). The result is that the standard deviations given by the program are (very often) incorrect.

Minor errors I have found in the manual are stating the filename to have a maximum of eight characters whereas the program, Line 265, allows 10: the DF BETWEEN in the table on Page 39 should have value one, not zero; the suggestion that data values may be up to 15 characters in length on Page 11 (Color BASIC stores about nine significant digits). The main drawback to the manual is the lack of a small appendix giving precise definitions to each term used in the various outputs. For example, the descriptions on the descriptive statistics section are not consistent with those used later. I had to work through the program in order to be clear about the definition of each term.

Considerable care has been taken to make the screen appearance attractive and the creation of data files straightforward. Less care has been taken with the selection of presented statistics and the programming details.

Statistics is now being taught in high schools, and with these two small programming errors corrected, this would be a useful accompanying program. It does not quite cover the curriculum of the usual college introductory statistics semester.

Standard error of the mean, single sample t-tests, the binomial distribution and chi-square analysis of contingency tables are not contained in *ColorStat*. If the formulas for the output results had been given, then this would have been a very useful program for people attempting to learn statistics by themselves, as it would have removed the drudgery and allowed them to concentrate on the new ideas.

(Radio Shack stores nationwide, cassette \$34.95)

One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

Design draws a box that shrinks and changes shape.

The listing:

10 PMODE3,1:SCREEN1,1:PCLS:FOR Q =1T05:X1=0:Y=191:X3=255:FOR Z=1T 0 190:COLOR RND(8):LINE(X1,X1)-( X3,Y),PSET,B:X1=X1+1:X3=X3-1:Y=Y -1:NEXT Z,Q Dan Wittig

Warren, PA

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### Software Review

# CoCo Professional Tax Preparer Is An Excellent Tax Aid

Are you tired of seeing your computer sit around doing nothing? Would you like to make some extra dollars by using your CoCo? Would you like to do your own taxes just like the professionals without paying the professionals?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above questions, then you owe it to yourself to read on.

Micro Data Systems has made available a program that can do all of the above. The program is called *The CoCo Professional Tax Preparer* and was designed by a tax consultant with 15 years experience. The program runs in 32K memory and requires one or two disk drives. The package consists of a professionally prepared one-inch notebook binder compiled of approximately 350 pages packed full of perfectly written documentation along with step-by-step examples.

The manual is broken down into eight color-coded sections consisting of: General, Income, Adjustments, Itemized deductions, Tax computation, Credits, Other taxes, and Appendix. Whatever section you are in need of, it is just a matter of flipping straight to the section for a detailed description of that particular category.

Also included in the package is a file containing all of the government income tax forms. An added extra is a book called Miller's Personal Income Tax Guide (a \$7.95 value). This book offers detailed step-by-step worksheets that take you line by line through complex tax calculations, which is ideal for the beginner who has never completed a tax form before. Together with the program and the tax preparation book, it makes income tax calculating a breeze.

The program consists of four diskettes, three program disks and one data disk. All disks are not copy-protected, which allows the user to make backup copies. After initiating the system, the program will prompt you with entering one or two drives. If two drives are entered, you can then place program disk #1 in Drive 1 and the data disk in Drive 2. If only one drive is selected, you must switch the program disk and the data disk as the program requests.

After you have completed the above section you will be asked to input one of the following: review of a tax return, new tax return or print return. If you select "review return," you will be presented with the main menu. You



will be asked to place an 'X' beside all of the categories you wish to review. The program will then review any of the categories that you have selected.

If you chose "new return," you will again be presented with the main menu and be asked to place an 'X' beside all categories which pertain to your return. After you have selected the categories that best suit your return, the program will interview you in an organized fashion, beginning with the heading information and proceeding step by step through all income, adjustments and deductions, then proceed to compute your taxes. Based on these inputs, the balance due or refund will be computed. very much the way a professional tax preparer or CPA would do.

After all of the information is completed, you will have the option to print your return. The printer function will print all data on government-approved forms. Included in the package are some carrier strips which will enable you to attach non-tractor feed forms so they may be printed.

The program has a unique diagnostic mode built into it. In other words, before the computer writes any information to the disk, it will go into the diagnostic mode to be sure all of the data that was input is correct. If it comes across a piece of information that is not correct, it will give an error code and the user must then go to the appendix of the manual where there is a listing of 94 error codes. The error code will tell you exactly what the problem is and how to correct it. The error must be corrected in order for the program to continue. This measure guards against bad data being input which would produce a bad tax return.

As a reviewer, I make it a habit to call the company offering the software to make sure everything I see is what the customer will receive when purchasing the software. My conversation with Micro Data Systems was not only a pleasure but most enjoyable. Micro Data's main concern is offering fine quality software and excellent product support, meaning that if you have any problems with your software, you can write or call for help and be assured of complete satisfaction. They also assured me that the new package now available has been improved, offering a much better tax preparation program.

In the back of the manual, you will find an order form to order extra forms; also included is a registration form to be filled out and returned so the user will be informed on updates and enhancements. Yearly updates are available for \$59.95.

For those of you who have experience with doing tax forms. I think you will find this a masterpiece and a valuable part of your software library. For those of you who do not have any experience in income tax calculating, I feel you owe it to yourself to learn how the right way.

I would like to thank Micro Data Systems for making such a fine and high quality piece of software available for our good old Color Computer. I found it a pleasure to review.

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# Sam Sleuth P.I. Is An Extraordinary Case

When I opened the package and saw the game I had received for review, I said, "Golly gee, another Adventure program." But, when I proceeded to read the instructions and load the game, I found out that Sam Sleuth P.I. is anything but your usual Adventure game,

Sam Sleuth P.I. is a 32K graphics Adventure program available on disk or cassette tape. One joystick is required.

The scenario is as follows: You are Sam Sleuth, Private Investigator. Your job is to investigate one of three different cases. The case levels and descriptions are described as Novice, Experienced and Expert.

Level 1) Novice The Case of the Missing Cat: You have been out of work for quite some time. As you sit passing the time away. Shirley Voff, the local school teacher, comes into your office. She wants you to locate a cat she had been asked to watch that is now missing.

Level 2) Experienced - The Mystery at the Museum: The day after you find the cat, you get a call from Rick Anthers, the museum owner. Rick tells you that a valuable statue has been stolen from the museum. He says he had borrowed the statue from another museum and it wasn't insured, which means if Rick doesn't get the statue back. he will have to pay for it. Your job is to find the thief, and the statue.

Level 3) Expert - Baffling Bank Robbery: Rip Voff, the owner of the bank, has heard about the good job you did for his wife, Shirley. He hires you to find the thief who robbed the bank.

One unique feature of this game is that the commands can be entered through a joystick. Commands are entered by positioning a cursor over an icon describing one of the several alternatives at your disposal.

Other features include graphics showing your walk to a telephone booth. You can flip through the pages of the phone book using the joystick. When you get to the number you want, you press the firebutton and it will dial that number. There is even a ring or a busy tone.

Another feature is that you can walk to your car, drive it all over town while you see the car moving through the streets on your screen, and even have a wreck if you're not careful.

I thought the documentation of this game was excellent. The manual tells you everything you need to know about the game, and it even shows you a street map of the whole town with all of the businesses and houses.

I liked this game thoroughly and give it a five out of five stars. It has all the features of a good Adventure, with the bonus of excellent graphics, sound and game-like response while driving your car.

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# Create Your Own Fashions With DESIGNER

DESIGNER is a recent release from the Cognitive Development Company. It is developed for the 32K Color Computer with Extended Color BASIC. With this type of software, it is apparent the Cognitive Development Company is in the business of providing software for young people that will aid in the growth of certain skills and visual perceptions.

DESIGNER is for girls of all ages and teaches not only fashion design, but also teaches computer skills in a non-threatening way. This is of particular value in that concern has been expressed in the educational community regarding the lack of computer use by the female population.

Very simply put, DESIGNER is a computer "paper doll."
Once the program disk is inserted and run, a color test is given. The program is extrememly friendly and can be used without any fear of messing up anything. The main menu gives you four choices: Design Fashions, Design Fabrics, Check Closet and Finished. You select the choice using the arrow keys and pressing ENTER.

"Design Fashions" is done very simply. You select what style of neckline, sleeve, skirt or pants you desire. You can select one at a time with nine choices given in each category. If you do not like a particular choice, then change it. All selections are shown on the model immediately. When you are finished, you can select fabrics.



There are 26 fabric pages and each page contains eight different fabrics. If you do not like what you see, you can design your own from the main menu. You select fabrics for the top, belt and bottom. Fabric selections include solids, horizontal stripes, vertical stripes, checks, houndstooth, plaids, dots, white patterns and black/white combinations.

After finishing your design, you can store your creation in the "closet." In the "memory closet" there are 12 racks and each rack can hold three fashions. The racks are labeled A-L. As each rack is shown on the screen, you can replace a design, go to the next rack or go back to the main menu. If you do not save your design, it will be lost!

"Designing Fabrics" is the most complicated task in the program. However, the instruction manual is sufficient to lead you through the process. You have 26 design pages with eight patterns on each page for a total of 208 patterns. Any of these patterns can be changed. You do not have to design any fabrics to use the program, but this is a nice option.

The instruction manual suggests various projects: Design fashions for various activities such as swimming, prom date, golfing, day at the office, gardening and school event. Design a wardrobe for a particular person for an entire week, including pajamas and dates. Discover the role and use of fabrics on certain designs by putting the same designs in the same closet with different colors and types of fabrics.

Cognitive Development Company should be congratulated for developing such fine educational software. The graphics are exceptional and the ease of operation is masterful. DESIGNER would fit in the library of any home and in the classroom as well. Their motto is very appropriate: "Fun Things for the Mind!"

(Cognitive Development Company, Suite 141, 12345 Lake City Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98125, disk only, \$24,95)

- J.D. Ray

One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

This one-liner plays "Luke Skywalker's Theme" from the Star Wars films.

The listing:

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(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbirn Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

# CoCo Tuner — Fine Tuning With The CoCo

It never ceases to amaze me how the Color Computer takes on more and more tasks. A unique new product came on the market this past December that permits one to use the Color Computer to assist in the tuning of pianos and other stringed instruments. I am not a piano tuner and really not terribly aware of what tuning aids are on the market, but I can assure you that this product is quite simple to use, and it seems to be a very viable way to do the job.

The manual which comes with CoCo Tuner is more than adequate, and really quite unnecessary for getting your first taste of what the CoCo Tuner can do. Slip in the ROM pack and you have a menu on the screen that lays out all the features. Within a couple of minutes, you can try them and either be bored with the simplicity or pleased with your brilliance in figuring it out all by yourself. At any rate, if you now go beyond the the first two introductory paragraphs in the manual (probably trying to find out what that dancing black line is in the center of the screen) you will find the CoCo Tuner is not as simple as it first appears.

The manual is a real gem; it's actually a physics lesson, piano tuning course and program manual all wrapped up in one. Before we get further into its contents, let me quickly review the CoCo Tuner's features. The program causes the computer to sound the notes of the scale at their precise pitch. By pushing the letters 'A' 'B' 'C' 'D' 'E' 'F' 'G,' you can sound the equivalent scale note (beginning with note 'A' which is at the frequency of 220 hertz, for those of you who are technically minded).

When the program starts, you are in octave four (fourth from the bottom of the piano keyboard) and you can change octaves by pushing the zero key. By pushing the up-arrow key or down-arrow key, you can get the sharp and flat notes, or you can continuously push the up-arrow key and proceed through the entire group of octaves. If you sound the 'A' pitch and find it matches none of your black keys or white keys but seems to be somewhere in one of the cracks, there are solutions for that, also.

You can push the 'P' key and adjust the pitch by any given percentage you put in, or you can push the 'H' key and enter the exact number of cycles you want the pitch to have, which would not be any help for piano tuning, but rather is a feature put in for the sound laboratory engineers who have need for a precise frequency of their own choosing.

From a program-function point of view, that's about it, except for that curious dancing black line, which leads us back to the manual and the practical use of the CoCo Tuner in the piano-tuning trade. The CoCo Tuner ROM pack has a place to insert a high-impedance microphone. By permitting the TV sound being produced by the program to enter the microphone, the black bar in the center of the display should form a stationary pattern. If you turn off the TV sound and try humming the same note into the microphone, you should also be able to cause the black bar to form the same stable pattern.

It is here that the fun begins. If you are flat, the bar slips to the left; it moves to the right if you are sharp. But that is only the beginning; if you sound a note exactly an octave away or harmonically related, the overtones can greatly confuse you in trying to judge if you have the correct stable pattern. This is a case of practice in interpreting the moving bar pattern. Even with my great lack of musical skill, I began to get the hang of it.

Now perhaps you can see the whole picture. By setting the CoCo Tuner to a specific note and sounding that note on the piano, you can judge if the piano note has the right pitch by observing the black bar on the screen. The sensitivity and accuracy of the CoCo Tuner is really beyond what the human vocal chords can perform and beyond what one would need for any piano-tuning environment.

The limiting factor in sensitivity, for example, is going to be the ambient interference noise rather than a failure to pick up the sound. As the manual says, the pitch accuracy may actually be too great for you when tuning some instruments, such as a guitar, where the bar may move to the right when the string is first plucked and then move to the flat side as the note dies out. This is normal for a guitar sound, but might drive you nuts if you insist on trying to match the CoCo Tuner pitch exactly.

What do you want to know about sound or piano tuning? Be it diatonic scales, physics of pianos, theory of tuning, beat frequencies, use of rubber mutes, the art of handling a tuning lever, it is all there in the manual. You are definitely buying a lot more than a computer device when you purchase this product. I found the writing and topics in the manual interesting (even though I probably would never use the information on a practical level).

The CoCo Tuner is produced by someone who cares and who knows the field of its intended use quite well.

I tried to get some reaction from professionals in the field. I was concerned professionals might feel that the gimmickry of the CoCo Tuner would impinge upon what they thought of as the heart of their professional skills, but this is not the case according to those with whom I spoke. The fairly wide use of strobe-type tuning assistance has already put the profession at ease with sophisticated aids. It would appear there really is a market for a product like the CoCo Tuner.

(Real-Time Specialties, Inc., 6384 Crane Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, 589)

- Tom Carl

### One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

Color BASIC Organ is a musical organ that runs on any version of the CoCo. Just type in a number from '1' to '3,' and when the screen goes blank, bang away at the keyboard. To start over, press SHIFT and CLEAR.

### The listing:

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(For this winning one-liner context entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

# Zookey Is A Fun And Helpful Typing Tutor

Whether one is an experienced typist or pecks across the keyboard with two fingers, Zookey, from Mark Data Products, is an interesting, fun, innovative way to practice typing.

In Zookey, Mark Data demonstrates how learning can be fun by teaching typing in the format of a game. Rather than typing about nine million "fff-gggs" to practice, Zookey shows you a high resolution screen of animals, cages, keepers and keyboard symbols.

The object of Zookey is to type the letter, number or symbol shown at the bottom of the screen in eight columns before the escaping animal gets to the trap door on the screen. If the typist is successful, the keeper scoots up the screen and closes the trap door and the typing score increases. If you are too late, the animal escapes and you lose a key. When all the keys are gone, the game ends.

Zookey provides up to eight skill levels and up to eight speed levels, with your choice of letters, numbers, symbols (punctuation) or a mixture of all characters. The lowest speed and skill levels would be suitable for a beginner and, as an experienced typist, I had a tough time keeping up with the fastest levels.

The high resolution graphics in Zookey are colorful, interesting and entertaining. The characters displayed for

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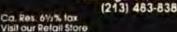
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Shipping: \$2 Satiware Charges: \$5 Hardware typing are large and clearly formed, with the exception of some punctuation such as the semi-colon and arrow keys, which can be slightly difficult to decipher immediately. Once you are used to their appearance, however, you can zip right along. One disappointment is that the animals which escape are the same in every instance, rather than being varied. They have the appearance of plump little rabbits with pink cheeks, and as they try to escape, a marching sound is heard over the monitor speaker.

Zookey is much better suited as a tutor than as a teacher for the typist just starting out. If you have some touch-typing experience, the instructions will be very clear and the keyboard finger chart will serve as a helpful reminder. If you are just starting out, there are many bad habits and details of touch-typing that are not listed in the documentation, and I would recommend consulting a touch-typing manual.

Because Zookey is in a game format, it is important to limit playing/practice time; the documentation recommends 15 minutes a day, a figure which can help alleviate frustration and boredom. Also, the user should remember that he is competing with himself; "cheating" with finger positions in an effort to achieve a higher score is something to watch out for!

Zookey is enjoyable, easy and fun to use, and most importantly, a very helpful typing tutor. I found that my own typing began to improve very quickly with it. I recommend this program to anyone wishing to improve his or her typing skills.

(Mark Data Products, 24001 Alicia Parkway, #207, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, requires 32K, tape \$24.95, disk \$27.95)

- Jeffrey S. Parker

# Submitting Material To Rainbow

Contributions to THE RAINBOW are welcome from everyone. We like to run a variety of programs which will be useful/helpful/fun for other CoCo owners.

Program submissions must be on tape or disk and it is best to make several saves, at least one of them in ASCII format. We're sorry, but we do not have time to key in programs. All programs should be supported by some editorial commentary explaining how the program works. Generally, we're much more interested in how your submission works and runs than how you developed it. Programs should be learning experiences.

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For the benefit of those who wish more detailed information on making submissions, please send a SASE to: Submissions Editor, THE RAINBOW, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, KY 40059. We will send you some more comprehensive guidelines.

Please do not submit programs or articles currently submitted to another publication.

# Centipede ABC's and 123's Provide Unpressured Learning For Children

At what age can a child be introduced to a computer? When is a good time for a child to start on the road to computer literacy? Triad Pictures Corp. feels that a 2-yearold is capable of using a computer and they have produced two programs for very young children. Centipede ABC's is a program for children aged 2 to 10 which deals with the alphabet, and Centipede 123's is written for children aged 2 to 6 and uses the numbers one through 20. Both programs require 16K Extended BASIC.

These programs work primarily in the same way except for their main focus. After CLDADing either program, you will be asked to type in the child's name. After this, a skill level will have to be chosen. Each program has three skill levels. Level 1 is a letter or number match; it is really the only level that is appropriate for very young children. Level 2 is for children who are somewhat familiar with letters and letter sequences or number and number sequences. To use Level 3, the child should be very familiar with the alphabet and alphabetizing and counting.

If Level 1 is chosen, the child will see a large letter 'A' (or number 1) displayed in the middle of the screen. The child has to match the large letter to the corresponding key on the computer keyboard. A correct answer will be rewarded with an animated piece of a centipede being added to a smiling centipede face. The object is to build a long, cute bug. An incorrect answer will cause the correct answer to be displayed and the child will be given another chance to answer.

This type of matching exercise is very commonly used as a learning tool for young children. The main flaw here is that the shape of the Hi-Res letters or numbers on the screen is different from those on the keyboard. For children who may not yet recognize their letters and numbers, there is no exact match. My early childhood education experience indicates that for young children doing these matching drills, shapes have to be the same; close doesn't count.

During Level 2 play, the child has to enter the alphabet or numbers in sequence beginning with 'A' or '1'. No hints are given. Level 3 asks the child to insert the missing letter or number between two others. For example, the computer will display 'A' and 'C' with a box between them. The child should type 'B' as the correct answer. In both of these games, a correct answer is rewarded as in Level 1. However, after an incorrect response, the computer will advance to a new question.

Both Centipede ABC's and Centipede 123's are very lowkey kinds of games. They provide an unpressured learning experience for some children and useful review for others, depending on each child's individual level. There is no time limit in the games, so each child can work at his/her own

The routines for correct and incorrect responses are quiet and unobtrusive, but the child can easily distinguish between the two. In no way is he/she ever made to feel badly about an incorrect response. Once the child becomes familiar with using a computer, the programs are easy to use and require little adult supervision.

I became fascinated with the claim that both programs could be used by a 2-year-old, so I invited Heather, a neighbor, to my house. She liked the pictures and pressing the computer keys. However, she had a five minute attention span. Even if she had the knowledge necessary for Level I games, they were both much too long. It is too bad, especially in Centipede 123's, that the user is not given a choice of parameters. There are more young children who can count to five than can count to 20. The length of the game could be better controlled and the child could get the feeling of finishing something and reaping the rewards.

Along with Heather came Sean, aged 4. The programs were ideal for him and he really enjoyed using them. I went on to observe other children and found these programs are ideal for preschoolers through second graders.

There are, of course, children at both ends of the spectrum that will benefit and enjoy both Centipede programs. Individual differences and your child's own ability should always be taken into consideration. Like the centipede in these programs, a child's knowledge will keep on growing.

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# Dan Tucker's Mine Is A Gold Mine Of An Adventure

This text Adventure from Pal Creations is billed as an expert level encounter, and it is! Dan Tucker's Mine offers a challenge to anyone who considers himself to be a master at this kind of challenge. There are cabins with locked doors, old sheds, bridges, rivers and more in this program enough to test the wits of any Adventure buff.

The program is supplied on a high quality cassette and a short, but adequate, instruction sheet is included. The Adventure begins when Dan Tucker's will is read and you find that he has left you his property. Unfortunately, he has left no information on how to find the fortune in gold rumored to be hidden there, so begins a great Adventure.

The program begins with a colorful title screen followed by instructions and a list of available verbs. You have the option of playing with the objects in the same location for every game or you may select randomized placement of the objects for a different challenge. As with most of the more complex Adventures, you must have the right equipment at the right time. This can lead to some retracing of steps to achieve the right combination, but it's all part of the game.

The game is written in Extended Color BASIC for 32K machines and, as supplied, it will not run with the disk controller installed. Listing the first 30 lines revealed the reason for this. The Pal Creations logo on the title page takes enough memory to prevent the use of the disk controller. I was able to delete the logo, save the remaining program to disk and run from disk with no problems. (The logo is a neat piece of work and produces a different color pattern each time, but I don't like to remove my disk controller and can't yet afford a multi-pack interface.)

My only other complaint with this Adventure is not being able to save a game in progress. As difficult as this one is, I really would appreciate the ability to save my progress. I suppose for the price this fault can be excused, as the Adventure itself is what it's all about and this one is cleverly done and runs quickly and smoothly on the screen.

There is a lot of entertainment value packed into Dan Tucker's Mine. My 15-year-old son said: "If I was sentenced to life imprisonment and could take only one game, this would be it!"

(Pal Creations, 10456 Amantha Ave., San Diego, CA 92126, 32K ECB, cassette \$14.95)

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# Destroy The Enemy And Don't Get Caught in Metabot

Metabot, written by Jay R. Hoggins, is a new strategy game from HARMONYCS Software. The object of the game is to destroy the enemy Metabots by luring them into the electric fences or acid pots randomly placed on the screen by the computer. If you are able to accomplish this, a new screen is drawn and two more Metabots are added to the number needed to advance to the next screen,

Upon CLOADMing and EXECuting the program, the player is greeted with a title page and a four-part harmony rendition of "Darth Vader's Theme" from Star Wars. The computer then asks if you need instructions; if you reply "yes," the title screen disappears and a new screen is drawn with a little poem which gives the general object of the game. Pressing any key will cause the program to ask the player to type in his name of up to nine letters. The program next asks the player which of the three levels he wishes to attempt. Once all this preliminary information is entered, the game begins.

The computer draws the game board, printing your name in the lower left corner, and a diagram of the keyboard layout you are to use to move your player around the grid is displayed in the lower right corner. Your player can move in eight directions, controlled by pressing the 'U,' 'I,' 'O,' 'J,' 'M,' comma and period keys. The game board consists of the electric fences, the acid pots, your player and the Metabots.

To destroy the Metabots, the player must move around the board trying to make the enemies run into the lences or pots without the player running into the obstacles.

If you move your player within three seconds of the start of the game, you will receive the optimum amount of points for each robot destroyed for that level. Otherwise, the value for the destroyed robots is decreased 10 points for moves taking between three and 10 seconds, and then 20 points for moves taking beyond 10 seconds. Every time your player moves one space, all the enemy robots move one space, continually stalking your player.

Destroying all the Metabots takes you to the next screen, but if one should touch your player or should you run into a pot or fence, the game is over and your position on the high score list is displayed.

There is an old proverb that states, "You can't judge a book by its cover." If I had just read the instructions to this game and had not seen the program itself, I would have envisioned the game to have a little man running around the screen, dodging these big robots and watching out for the electric fences. But, what you get is a flashing dot, similar in shape to a cursor, representing your player. The deadly Metabots are multicolored blocks the same size as your player. The pots and fences are solid blocks, again the same size as your player.

On Page 153 of the December 1984 issue of THE RAINBOW, one can get a fairly accurate picture of the program in the advertisement for the game. One might argue that a strategy game (what this program claims to be) does not require great graphics, just something to aid the player in determining his next moves. I don't agree with this because if I'm to pay up to \$21 for a game, I

expect graphics the CoCo is capable of, not something that looks like it came off the TRS-80 Model 4. To say the least, I was disappointed with the graphics in Metabot.

Even with sub-par graphics, a game can be good if it is fun to play. Again, I believe Metabot falls short in this area. The basic problem with this game is that it is too easy. The Metabots have virtually no intelligence; they just move until they are lined up with your player and then just follow your every move no matter where it takes them.

The three levels of play don't significantly alter the difficulty of the game. When you do clear the screen of all the Metabots, your reward is nothing but a little message written on the top of the screen.

The sound effects aren't as exciting as the documentation claims, just "beeps," although the music at the start of the game sounds pretty good. The documentation supplied with the program is very comprehensive for a game, but I did find some typos within its six small pages, maybe signifying that the program was rushed out on the market too quickly.

If you don't mind paying up to \$21 for an easy strategy game, then this game is for you, but frankly, I don't think the program is worth the price. Metabot may have a problem finding a specific age audience because the younger set will become uninterested with the lack of good graphics, sound and incentive to continue on destroying Metabots, while older players, who might be able to forgive the game for these points, will find the game too simple.

(HARMONYCS, 1747 Patricia Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, cassette \$18.95, disk \$20.95)

- Ken Coleman

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# Recess Games Encourages Logical Thought Processes

Recess, in my day, meant running out to the schoolyard and playing with the equipment there. When it rained, we usually went to the school gym. Times have changed, if B-5 Software's title, Recess Games, is taken literally. What we have here is a group of four computerized games which provide a break from more formal learning, but all of which improve a child's use of logic, not a group of games for outdoor use.

The disk version loads a title screen and a menu from which the individual games are selected, while in the tape version each game is loaded individually. From the instructions, I infer that is the only difference between the two.

In Treasure Hunt, the object is to find a treasure chest concealed beneath one of the squares on a 10 by 10 grid. Horizontally the grid is labeled with red letters, vertically with green letters. Squares are chosen by specifying the coordinate letters. To the right of the grid is a thermometer which indicates how close your selection is to the goal; the higher the temperature, the closer you are.

As squares are selected they become chess pawns, until the square with the chest is found. Then a small chest is seen in that square; the screen clears and a large treasure chest fills the screen.



This game provides an excellent introduction to the use of coordinates, but has one puzzling peculiarity. When the game initializes, most of the squares are blue, but some, apparently at random, have pictures on them. Everyone (child and adult) who tried this game immediately wanted to know what the pictures were for, but no one could think of a reason for their presence.

Master Brain is a computerized version of "Mastermind," in which numbers are to be guessed. The player selects the size of the number to be guessed, from two to four digits, and the range of digits to be used, with a maximum of 10, using zero through nine. The number chosen as the guess is on the left, and on the right are two columns, labeled right and wrong. If a zero is placed in the right column, one number guessed is in the puzzle and in the right place. If an 'X' is in the wrong column, one number is in the puzzle but in the wrong place. If nothing appears in either column, all numbers used in the guess are incorrect.

The screen display is good and clear. However, it allows for the display of only 12 guesses and no provision is made for scrolling earlier choices off the screen, so the player has only 12 chances for each puzzle. The instructions advise beginners to start with a few digits and then go to the more advanced levels. Although this is good advice, a very common comment heard during testing was "I almost had it figured out." For children learning to play such logic games, it is better to allow them as many chances as they need for success rather than to establish arbitrary limits which lead to frustration.

Number Guess is a good version of the old favorite, which allows the player to select the range of numbers in which the number is found, and the screen shows if the guess is too high or too low. Unlike Master Brain, there is scrolling so the child can see the last eight guesses made and continue until successful.

The fourth game is a nice version of Tic-Tac-Toe for one or two players, which uses the arrow keys to move the X's and O's.

On the whole, these are colorful, well-presented games that are fun to play and at the same time encourage logical thought processes. The accompanying booklet gives clear instructions for game play and includes some suggested learning activities.

(B-5 Software Co., 1024 Bainbridge Place, Columbus, OH 43228, tape requires 16K ECB, \$19.95; disk requires 32K ECB, \$21.95.)

- Carol Kueppers



# Test Your Command Strategies With Debacle

Debacle is a historical Simulation of the 1755 battle involving a French garrison and their Indian allies at Fort Duquesne against a vastly superior British force. The Simulation's name is derived from the overwhelming defeat the British suffered even though they outnumbered their adversaries nearly four to one.

The game requires 32K of Extended Color BASIC and has two copies on tape but can easily be transferred to disk. The eight-page instruction manual is very attractive and professionally printed on heavy parchment-type paper analogous with the game's time frame. Furthermore, the first two pages of the manual are a detailed reflection on the historical nature of the battle. These two factors effectively establish the game's mood once the Simulation is CLOADed (which takes a little over two minutes) and run.

Upon running, there are various user responses required. These include whether the high-speed POKE is usable on your particular computer, whether it is a new or continued game (the program reads and saves the game to disk if a disk drive is attached; otherwise, it is saved to tape) and what skill level is desired (level 1 is a practice session for game familiarization, up to level 5, which is an accurate representation of the actual battle).

The title page graphics are relatively simple and it plays several short classical tunes which are apropos to Debacle's setting. This musical interlude is rather lengthy, but apparently permits CoCo to draw the playing field map. However, do not let this simplistic graphics title page deceive you; this is a very sophisticated Simulation which belies its introductory sequence.

The playing field map consists of forest areas, mountains and streams which you, as commander, must navigate from the lower right of the monitor screen to the upper left where Fort Duquesne is located. Other factors hampering your march are a time factor, Indian attacks, and supplying your combat units.

You commence your march on May 29 with four combat units and one supply unit under the command of Dunbar. Their initial task is to clear the forested areas so when the major force of Halket, Ranger, Artillery and Supply arrive on June 9, they will have an easier time of marching to the main destination of Fort Duquesne. Since there are numerous Indian attacks enroute, it behooves you to lessen their numbers by searching and capturing their camps in the woods. The more Indian camps captured, the fewer Indians there are to assist the French in defending the fort. Capturing the Indians is best accomplished by the Rangers since they have the best maneuverability.

A recurring situation you must cope with is keeping the

combat units adequately supplied because they become immobile once their supplies are exhausted. However, the supply units are the least maneuverable of all the units; therefore, a carefully orchestrated method of supply is necessitated, especially since your battle plan must be completed no later than July 17.

Selecting which unit to move is performed by a polling cursor routine which shows the unit's identity, their current strength, the number of days of supplies on hand, and the number of moves available. It is essential that you know which unit you wish to move because once you key in the movement code, it is too late to change your mind; that unit must be moved.

Even though this war Simulation is relatively short in its playing time (two to three hours), it requires intense concentration and an effective method of attack to succeed at winning. Part of the enjoyment in a game like this is discovering the various scenarios that may be utilized to ascertain the most effective strategy, so I will avoid giving any specific tips, however, a few general words of advice are to make sure all combat units are well supplied before reaching the fort, try to capture as many Indian camps as possible and determine an efficient means of crossing the mountains.

Once Debacle is completed, the computer critiques your battle plan and lists statistics concerning the battle. After you have digested this data and are ready to play again, you must press Reset to exit the statistic screen.

A few problems I incurred primarily concerned trying to save or load games in progress. Upon loading a saved game from tape, I received an I/O Error in Line 363. On another occasion, I received an FD Error (bad file data) in Line 364. According to the author, there are three saves made on tape but I could not get any of them to load.

When trying to save a game on disk, I received an SN Error in Line 508. According to the author, this was a common problem when he and associates play-tested the game. This problem varies from computer to computer and is caused by either having or not having a space between the WRITE and # codes in lines 508, 510, 512, 514, 516 and 518. After careful consideration, the author decided to omit the spaces in these lines. Once I made these changes, I was pleased to find that disk saves/loads were easily accomplished.

A final problem I encountered concerned the polling cursor routine. On two separate occasions, once at level I and once at level 5, the routine unexpectedly hung up, preventing any input whatsoever. This was particularly frustrating after playing a game for nearly two hours. Numerous conversations between the author and me failed to resolve the problem and it finally appeared to be a genuine bug in the program. The author is currently attempting to resolve the bug and may have it done by the time this review is published. I was genuinely impressed with the author's concern in attempting to make the game 100 percent operational and his historical knowledge.

If you enjoy war Simulations, you will find Debacle testing your best command strategies.

(Picosoft Games, P.O. Box 35, Eighty Four, PA 15330, tape \$24.95, Pennsylvania residents add 6% tax)

- Dan Smith

# Clip Surge Spikes With Electra-Guard

Several weeks ago I received Electra-Guard, the SS-I Surge Suppressor, for review. My first reaction was panic. How was I going to check out the surge suppressor? There was no way I was going to induce voltage or current surges into my equipment. I decided on an alternative to actual surge testing, running Electra-Guard under various loads.

Electra-Guard was tested on a large variety of equipment, everything from video recorders to complete computer setups. Normally, I had a six-outlet power strip plugged into the surge suppressor. All the equipment operated

properly.

The specification data included with Electra-Guard was a little skimpy for a review. I called Howard Medical, the manufacturer, for more information. I placed the call at 8 p.m. (Chicago time), and there was someone on duty to answer my questions. I talked to Ross Litton, and he gave me the information I needed. Electra-Guard can handle 15 amps of current and works on 115 VAC house power. The response time of the surge suppressor is five billionths of a second. Surge spikes of 6000 volts will be clipped to 240 volts.

There is a red windowcator on Electra-Guard. If the windowcator turns black, return Electra-Guard to Howard Medical. The black color indicates the surge suppressor has been hit by a very large surge. I was told that Electra-

Guard has a five year warranty.

From my research, I discovered that you can put a sixoutlet power strip, with power indicator, on/off switch and circuit breaker together with Electra-Guard for about \$35. I found one thing missing that I like to see on electrical devices: a UL number. According to the package I received, Electra-Guard was not tested by Underwriters Laboratory. I think products of this type should be tested by an independent laboratory.

(Howard Medical, P.O. Box 2, Chicago, 1L 60690, all CoCoequipment, \$16.25 plus \$2.00 S/H)

- Gabe Weaver

# YACHTSEE Can Make Dice-Rolling Addictive

In our rush to find uses for our computer, we sometimes overdo it. If I write only five checks a month, a check balancing program is probably unnecessary. If my taxes only require the short form, I'm probably wasting money and time if I purchase income tax software. Twenty phonograph records or 10 recipes do not usually justify a database program.

The same goes for games. A game that is simple, fast and enjoyable is not necessarily improved by playing it on the computer. Such is the case with YACHTSEE by

Beargrip Software.

The original non-computer game which this game is based on is played with five dice and a scoresheet. Players take turns rolling and rerolling the dice trying to make certain combinations. Points are scored and the game ends when the various categories are filled. Despite the randomness of the dice roll, there is some skill involved in winning. The game is fast and fun, and sometimes even addictive.

YACHTSEE uses the Color Computer to roll the dice and keep score for up to six players. The game's graphics are good and the scorekeeping is correct and helpful, but the game simply moves too slowly. The slowdown occurs while waiting for the game to ask if you wish to roll again and then which dice you will reroll. The program is written in BASIC and the slowness clearly affects the game's playability.

THE RAINBOW'S guidelines for reviewers asks us to let the product stand on its own. Even if you have never played the original dice game, I think you will find the game's pace is just not fast enough. If you have played the original, you'll probably want to stick with it — some things are just not improved by putting them on a computer.

(Beargrip Software, distributed by Softmart, P.O. Box 61095, Raleigh, NC 27661, 32K ECB, tape \$16.95, disk \$17.95)

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# ME-128-64 128K Upgrade Expands CoCo's Memory

Many of us old timers can remember when we only had 4K. Then came 16, 32 and now 64K. I used to think this was the limit to my CoCo's memory. Recently, my ideas of the CoCo's ability have been expanded by the introduction of the ME-128-64 128K Upgrade from Dynamic Electronics.

This upgrade comes with all the parts needed. The only tools needed are a screwdriver to open up your CoCo's case. I also used an IC extracter/inserter to help me, but a small flat blade screwdriver should also work. The upgrade consists of 10 ICs, installation instructions, a small

user's guide and a copy of Dynamic's catalog.

The installation was fairly simple because all the soldering has already been done for you by Dynamic. To do the upgrade, you first open the cover of your CoCo. A word of advice at this point: as you loosen each screw, place a piece of tape over the screw hole. This way, when you turn the CoCo right side up, you don't have to worry about where the little parts have gone in your shag rug.

After the cover is off, you must remove your RF shield. Then, you remove your eight 4164 memory chips from their sockets and put them aside. The same is done with the 6883 SAM chip and the 6822 or 6823 PIA chip #U18, for 'F' boards, or U8 for 'D' or 'E' boards, (My documentation did not say what chip it was in the CoCo 2. I also suspect those of you who have the new CoCo 2 with the new SAM chip and only two memory chips will not be able to use this upgrade.)

After the old chips are out, put the new chip/socket combos back in their place. At this time, you can check to see if these new chips are working. After this, put your original chips back in the sockets on top of the new chips. It will remind you of the old "piggyback" upgrades as each memory socket, the SAM chip and one of your PIAs now has two chips plugged with one on top of the other.

A small hole should be drilled in your CoCo's case to hold the small toggle switch that switches between your two banks of memory. Replace the cover on the CoCo, tighten the cover screws (wasn't the tape a great idea?)

and you are done.

Use of your two banks of 64K can be controlled by hardware or by software. Two simple pokes switch you between banks or you can use the switch to do it manually. In effect, you now have two 64K computers in one.

You can use either bank you wish but there is a catch. Because you have only one CPU and VDG, you must be doing similar things in both banks or these chips will get confused. You can run two BASIC programs if, when you switch banks, you are in the text mode.

You can also run any two copies of a heavy graphics program. For example, I edited two documents with my word processor at the same time. I switched the switch and the document on the screen changed. I also was able to run two copies of an arcade game. By doing this, two sets of high scores can be kept going at the same time.

One fault I found was the claim that you could pass variables between banks. The instructions contained no indication of how this could be done. A call to Dynamic (they were open on a Saturday!) cleared it up. You can pass a zero through 128 integer value between banks from BASIC. To do this, you take the value you want to pass, multiply it by two and PDKE it in memory address 65321. The receiving bank PEEKs that address and divides it by two. The multiplying and dividing is needed because you are actually storing a value in a PIA register which masks out bit zero when it does the switch. I was told this information would be included in future editions of their instructions.

One other problem I had was with overheating the SAM chip. With two SAMs stacked on top of each other, heat can build up after three or four hours. The overheating of the SAM chip will make your computer lose track of where memory is and what's in it. I found pieces of my text wandering around my review as I typed it in. One of the small fans you can buy should cure this. Possibly a heat sink could be built into the kit by Dynamic, also.

Overall, I found this to be an easy-to-install upgrade that performed exactly as is advertised. What I would like to see now is more software that could take advantage of the extra 64K. How about a 64K RAM disk? Dynamic has shown us what could be the next step in the continuing evolution of the CoCo.

Dr. Megabyte salutes the pioneers who blaze a new trail of CoCo power for the rest of us. For those of you who want to follow right behind these pioneers, I recommend the ME-128-64 128K Upgrade from Dynamic Electronics.

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- Mark E. Sunderlin

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# The Shadow Lurks In Action-Packed Shamus

He's here all right. You could tell from the moment you entered. This is just the type of place the "Shadow" loves—dark, dreary, dangerous and deadly. Deadly, at least, for you. The Shadow's Lair has the most modern intruder-exterminating system in the known galaxy. Robo-Droids patrol the corridors, programmed to destroy you at any cost. Whirling Drones home in on your every move and Snap-Jumpers snap in and out of your time-space continuum appearing first in front, then in back of you, or worse, on you.

And, as if his creatures were not enough to dispose of you, the Shadow has electrified the walls. Of course, your every move is monitored by the big man himself, who at any moment might appear on the scene, covered in his impregnable Tri-Gamma armor.

But you are the "Shamus," and the word "quit" is most decidedly absent from your vocabulary. Armed with your Ion-Shivs, which you can fire in any one of eight directions, you have vowed to kill this shady Shadow character if it's the last thing you do! But it won't be easy . . . you knew that from the start.

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recesses of Level 3 that you have a chance to annihilate your nemesis.

Thus begins the game of Shamus, one of Radio Shack's latest disk-based game programs. Shamus itself is not a new game. It was released about a year ago by Synapse Software, which has since ceased marketing CoCo software. The game is fun, action-packed and is well thought out, but the real question in any game review is not "Is the game good?", rather, "With all the other games available for the CoCo, is this game worth spending money on?" Read on for the answer.

To load Shamus, insert one of the two copy-protected disks which Tandy supplies into the drive and type RUN"SHAMUS". After a few seconds, a title screen will appear, accompanied by some very good music. The game will then give you the option of changing the skill level from Novice to either Advanced or Expert. One of the novel features here is that changing the skill level affects only one thing in the game — the speed. In fact, at the Expert level, I'd say it is one of the fastest CoCo games you could buy.

Shamus is a "shoot-'em-up" game. It doesn't pretend to be much else. Rather, it makes the most of what it is. The graphics are good, animation smooth and sound effects adequate. Joystick response is good, even from the old Radio Shack ones.

And addicting it is. One of the elements which makes the game even more addictive is that unlike many shoot-'em-ups, Shamus never really ends until you defeat the Shadow, a task which is not easily accomplished (I have yet to reach Level 3!). The game doesn't just end; instead, your quest continues and your desire to crush the Shadow intensifies.

All of which brings us to the real point in this review is Shamus worth \$30? If you abhor shoot-'em-ups, or would prefer strategy games, perhaps not. But if a funfilled game which is 98 percent pure action is what you yearn for, I'd be hard pressed to recommend a better game.

(Radio Shack Stores nationwide, 16K, disk \$29.95, Catalog No. 26-3289)

- Eric Tilenius

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Barry Becker says, "My entry is called Blobs. Big deal." Try it and see what he means.

The listing:

> Barry Becker Smithtown, NY

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

Software Review

# PANZERS EAST! Gives Many Hours Of War Game Competition

The date: June 22, 1942. The time: 3 a.m. You have been given sole responsibility for Operation Barbarossa, the Nazi plan for the invasion and destruction of the Soviet empire. At your disposal are over 400 divisions as well as the might of the Luftwaffe. Your opponents are a defending army about 25 percent larger than your own, the vast distances of the Soviet steppes, and time — time for the Soviets to dig in, time for their rearmament and recovery from your surprise attack, and time that will bring the bitter Russian winter; the same winter that crushed Napoleon and would force a halt of your offensive for months, depriving you of the momentum of the attack and allowing the Soviets to rebuild for a counterattack. It's time now to order PANZERS EAST!.

Game components are limited to the cassette (which has a Commodore 64 version on side one and Radio Shack versions I/III/4 followed by the CoCo version on side two), a clearly written 12-page instruction booklet and a small, attractive map of the Western Soviet Union. The map is necessary as (unfortunately) no graphics are used in the program.

As with another Avalon Hill game for the CoCo (MIDWAY) the CoCo version of PANZERS EAST! has

extra options not included in the versions for the other systems. These allow the player to check the geographic regions of greatest importance to final victory, or order up a standard Combat Air Patrol for selected areas. Both make for easier and faster play.

My trusty 'E' board is willing to ignore cassette programs for the models I/III/4, so it was possible to avoid fiddling with earphone and microphone jacks when loading by I) going fast forward to the end of side one, 2) flipping the tape, 3) typing POKE25,6, and 4) CLOBO. Now go and prepare a hearty snack: two sandwiches and a glass of milk should do. Don't rush. When all is "OK" type RUN.

The playing time is given as one to three hours. Except for my first two games (in which the CoCo beat me solidly in under 90 minutes each time), I found playing times to run from five to seven hours. Be sure you have a comfortable location as you are likely to be pinned down for some time. This may be a personal problem, though, as I find playing times longer than listed with most strategy games I've played.

After typing RUN and the Avalon Hill logo leaves the screen, you are asked if this is a new game or one in progress. If a continuing game, you now place the cassette with the previously saved data file in the cassette player, press Play and continue. A new game requires further decisions of playing a historical game or a very slightly shortened version which gives one week of better weather and a few more ready units at the start.

Next, you set the importance of general campaign objectives — capture of population centers, industry, agricultural areas, isolating the Soviet Union and maintenance of Allied good will. These are key decisions

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as this information is used to generate a list of areas with moderate to high victory point values, so you must set your military objectives for the game. Avoiding the main objectives can lead to being relieved of command or more often the firing squad (a bit drastic I thought).

The last choice to make (we are still in pre-game set up) is what percentage of the Luftwaffe to throw against the Soviet air force. (I suggest a full 100 percent as anything less risks the survival of a significant portion of Russian air power and to provide effective support requires at least one-third of the available aircraft.) A strong first strike leaves the Soviets with about 10 percent of German air strength; unless checked, this will build as the game progresses.

At the start of each turn, except the first, you must decide which single area will receive supply priority. It is critical that attacking units be kept in supply, as poor supply can reduce effective strength by 75 percent! Many times this will call for a difficult choice as several areas may be in combat or open to counterattack, and each may be in need of resupply. The greater the number of areas you occupy, the greater the difficulty in supply and danger of counterattack.

The key to playing PANZERS EAST! is keeping track of both Soviet and German troop strengths and locations. This data can be taken from the "review troops" command and the "intelligence" command. To provide an easily readable record of the situation, I found it helpful to use self-made counters representing either 20 or 50 units to be placed on the map provided with the game. These are updated each turn, allowing a close watch to be kept on a gradual Soviet buildup and also ensure you know your

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The Luftwaffe is available for Combat Air Patrol (CAP). Bomber Escort, Ground Attack (straffing) and Bombing Missions. From about turn three on, be sure to assign CAP to all areas in which you have troops. Also, some long range CAP to go with bombers and escorting fighters often brings in a bonus of extra downed Soviet aircraft. A CAP of three or four over rear areas is generally enough, while four to seven over your main troop concentrations might be called for late in the game (when they are most difficult to spare).

Use the Luftwaffe as a disrupting force against Soviet troop buildups and in support of attacking troops. It appears that straffing does little damage while incurring relatively heavy losses. Don't be concerned about transferring air assets from one operational zone to another-

Air power should largely follow the troops.

PANZERS EAST! touches many problems from air power to partisans (they attack weakly-held areas) to weather, even Allied troops who refuse to move beyond their limited zones of responsibility. A game save feature even allows the saving of a game at a given point, so it may be played again from that point to fine tune strategies—an interesting technique to apply if you want to win a particular game at all costs!

For those of you with an interest in the eastern front war, or any wide scale conflict involving the military aspects of expansion and occupation, PANZERS EAST! will give many evenings of competition. Avalon Hill has provided another welcome addition for your war game collection.

(The Avalon Hill Game Company, 4517 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214, 32K ECB, tape \$25)

- Nevin J. Templin

One-Liner Contest Winner

This one-liner is a "micro" tutorial in using variables in DRAW and PLAY.

The listing:

1 PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,1:PMODE3
:X=RND(2ØØ):Z=RND(2ØØ):Y=RND(1ØØ)
):S=RND(1ØØ):X1=RND(15):X2=RND(2
5):DRAW"BM=X;,=Y;R=X2;D=X1;L=X2;
U=X1;":PAINT(X+1,Y+1),2,4:CIRCLE
(Z,S),X2:PAINT(Z,S),2,4:LINE(X,Y)-(Z,S),PSET:PLAY"L=X1;A;L=X2;B"
:GOTO1

Jo Ann Karaffa Wilmerding, PA

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

### Youngsters Can Enjoy Tic-Tac-Toe With CoCo

The classic game of "Tic-Tac-Toe" is certainly one of the earliest board games a young child learns to play. This cassette-based version, for the 16K Extended BASIC Color Computer, is definitely more enjoyable than the version typically played on paper.

Loading instructions are on the cassette label and the program loads in approximately 60 seconds with no problem at all. Upon running, there is a title page and a high speed 'X' and 'O' traveling across the screen. These two alpha characters generate tones that with a little

imagination sound like their pronunciation.

The operating instructions are complete and easy to understand. Game options include: A) If there are two players or if you are playing against the computer; B) If you want to be 'X' or 'O', C) If you would rather use joysticks or the arrow keys; D) The number of games per match (one to five); and E) The level of play (this is for playing against the computer only and includes beginner, average, or impossible-to-beat levels).

Since this game appears to be for a child who is a novice to Tic-Tac-Toe, I am surprised there are no instructions

whatsoever on how to play the game itself.

The graphics are very colorful and easily legible for young eyes while most of the sound effects are pleasurable enough. Even though my 16-month-old son is much too young to comprehend the game's concept, he enjoyed viewing the screen and listening to the audio.

Playing against the computer, I found it pleasing to discover that it did not make moves that were obviously

One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

This program will turn your CoCo into an alarm system to guard against any little "door-slammer" who may want to bang on those keys if you have to leave the room. Just turn up the TV volume and wait.

The listing:

1Ø A\$=INKEY\$:IFA\$=""THEN1ØELSEFO RX=1T05:Y=RND(8):CLSY:SOUND15Ø,8 :PRINT@224,"DO NOT TOUCH THOSE K EYS AGAIN !!":FORT=1T01ØØ:NEXT:S OUND18Ø,8:FORT=1T01ØØ:NEXTT,X:CL S:GOT01Ø

> Tom McCarthy Sterling, VA

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both The Rambow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rambow Simulations Tape.)

incorrect. Even though most of the games were draws, the computer can be beaten in the first two levels of play by using the classic "Two-Ways-To-Win" scenario.

By using this strategy, the computer gives a surprising message (I won't tell you what it is); a nice touch. On the impossible-to-beat level, it lives up to its name; after playing at least a half hour, every game resulted in a draw.

However, this version of the game is not a total bed of roses; there are some thorns. The problem areas are threefold; one major, one minor, and one irritating.

The major problem is that in playing against the computer, while using the arrow keys, the computer quite often (approximately 75 percent of the time) automatically gave me the key center block without having me supply any input. This occurred regardless of whether or not I had the first move. The minor problem is that in games where seven or eight blocks are filled and there is no possible way for either opponent to win, the game must be finished with all blocks filled to its inevitable conclusion of a draw. The irritating problem again concerns playing against the computer. After winning a match, I was given a "razzing" tone; certainly poor sportsmanship by my electronic adversary.

Nevertheless, the youngster who is having his first exposure to *Tic-Tac-Toe* should find the game enjoyable and at only \$4.95, well worth the expenditure.

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## Go On An 'Eeblewalker' Hunt With LINER

Software documentation can be misleading. A perfect example is the documentation/directions I received with a program called LINER, by Michael Stuller. LINER needs at least a 16K ECB CoCo and comes on cassette. The documentation is quite adequate, but misleading.

The background tells of a strange, rectangular planet called Oktry, which is inhabited by Eeblewalkers. You, being an Oktrite, make your living by hunting Eeblewalkers. It goes on to say that as you move about the planet, you dig a trench, which if fallen into, will cause you to tumble to your death.

After reading the background, I had visions of neat little graphics creatures running around on Oktry with me chasing them as I was digging trenches. LINER is simply a green screen with a rectangular border which has about 15 randomly placed blue squares (what you get if you PSET in PMODE 1,1). A yellow line from the left side of the screen starts to move to the right. Using the arrow keys, you guide the line across the blue squares, "killing" the Eeblewalkers.

If your path crosses the "trench," you die and lose one of your three lives. If you successfully "kill" all the blue squares, another screen full of squares will appear. Five points are scored for each square you destroy, plus a bonus for each screen you complete.

I found LINER to be boring, but decided that it deserved a second opinion. I sat my 8- and 12-year-olds down and had them play. Both lost interest in about five minutes.

To sum up this review, my conscience won't allow me to say anything other than don't waste your money on this one.

(Michael Stuller, 2 Audubon Place, Rolla, MO 65401, 16K ECB, cassette \$7.95 plus \$1.50 S/H)

## Triple Joyport Switcher Saves Wear and Tear On Your CoCo

The Triple Joyport Switcher from Spectrum Projects is a nice accessory for those of us who use more than one product that plugs into the joystick ports. Imagine the wasted time, worn out plugs and worn out fingers used to switch between one type of joystick to another.

For instance, suppose a person is an artist, game player and aviation expert. There is a specially built joystick assembly for the popular graphics program, another contraption for some of the flight simulators and the run of the mill joystick for "normal" games. Just having to switch plugs every time he/she changes programs is anything but pleasant. Spectrum Projects also knows that; that's why they have come up with the Joyport Switcher.

First, a description of the switcher. It comes in a generic experimenter's box slightly larger than a deluxe joystick. Running from the back are four cables: three for the different joysticks and one to be plugged into the computer. All you have to do is plug the three cables (or less if you don't wish to use all of them) into the accessories, and the fourth one into the joystick port in back of the computer. After that, all you have to do is turn a knob to select which one you wish to use.

Although the box is not very decorative, it is very well-constructed and looks "distinguished." The purpose of the switcher is not to be attractive, but to save wear and tear on the user and the computer, of which it does an excellent job. If you ever find yourself unplugging one joystick to use another one, you probably will be grateful for this product.

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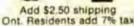
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# CoCo Max Delivers An Outstanding Performance

By Jesse W. Jackson and David L. Tate

CoCo Max is a sophisticated graphics system that can be used to generate, process and edit graphics pictures with a single joystick, mouse or touch pad. The program is a nearly perfect clone of the Macintosh's Macpaint program. In fact, we put Mac and CoCo side by side to compare the two, but we'll get to that later in this review.

The disk version comes with a non-copy-protected diskette, a program-pak and a 39-page user's manual. The diskette contains the CoCo Max system, several pictures, and a BASIC program to configure the system for various printer models and Baud rates. The program-pak contains a high resolution A/D (analog-to-digital) converter with a DIN connector for plugging in any device, such as a joystick, mouse or touch pad, that can be used on CoCo's joystick inputs.

My diskette contained machine language drivers for Gemini-10X/15X, Epson MX and RX, DMP-100, DMP-200. DMP-400 and C. Itoh printers. I had to modify the Gemini driver for my Gemini 10 because of differences between the 10X/15X and 10/15 in graphics mode. The Epson MX driver worked well on an EPSON FX-100 the first time.

The program-pak is well-constructed and has the same size and appearance of a Radio Shack cartridge. The DIN connector for the joystick input is flush, mounted at the end of the cartridge for a firm fit. This cartridge contains no program ROM, but an eight channel, eight-bit A/D for accessing any of the 256 possible horizontal pixels and the 192 vertical pixels in the work area.

This program-pak is needed to optimize CoCo Max's performance because CoCo's six-bit A/D limits access to 64 pixels in each direction at any one time. CoCo's A/ D could be scaled by software but at a loss of resolution (the cursor steps would be every fourth pixel). A sliding window could be used at the expense of the response time (the joystick could access every pixel in a 64 by 64 movable area and this would require extra processing time).

The user's manual is comprehensive, complete with illustrations and well-organized. You will want to read it carefully to discover the full capabilities of CoCo Max, such as menu shortcuts and using the SHIFT for special effects.

Description

First of all, you should look at Colorware's advertisement in this issue to visualize how the program presents the menu and graphics pictures. Secondly, let's define some terms, "Icons" are pictures symbolic of the function to be performed. "Pointing" will be defined as positioning the

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program's cursor or arrow pointer with the input device (joystick, mouse or touch pad). "Clicking" means pressing that device's firebutton, "Dragging" is holding the firebutton down while moving the joystick,

CoCo Max is operated by POINTing and CLICKing. The only typing you must do is to enter the filename you wish to LOAD or SAVE. You can insert text into the picture from the keyboard in several fonts and styles. The SHIFT key can be used for special effects, and supplements the firebutton.

You create a picture by selecting tools from the icons in the tool kit and using them within the work area.

When you have selected a tool, the cursor becomes the icon of the tool while in the picture area and is an arrow pointer in the menu, tool or pattern area. The tool kit contains a lasso, editing box, hand, alphanumeric set, paint can, spray can, paint brush, pencil, rubber band line, eraser, rectangle, rectangle with fill, rounded rectangle, rounded rectangle with fill, circle ellipse, circle/ellipse with fill, freehand shape, free-hand shape with fill, polygon and polygon with fill.

The brush, paint can, spray can, rubber band line and fill tools paint in one of 60 selectable patterns at the bottom of the page. CLICKing causes the brush to paint its shape, the spray can to apply a shot of its pattern, or the paint can to fill in an enclosed area where it's poured. The pencil draws and the eraser erases while CLICKed. The rubber band line and shapes are drawn by DRAGging between two points. The shape icons can paint using one of five selectable line widths from the line width menu in the lower left-hand corner of the page.

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editing, while the edit box defines a rectangular box for editing. This allows rubber stamping of parts of the picture,

and some other capabilities, too.

The alphanumeric set allows insertion of text into the picture from the keyboard using the selected font and style options. Fonts available are Woodhaven, Topeka, MonaCoCo, Fort Worth and Paris. Styles are plain, bold, italic, outline and shadow. Left, middle and right options in the style menu define the alignment of the entered text.

Display

A CoCo Max picture consists of two PMODE 4 screens, one atop the other, to give a 512 pixel wide and 384 pixel high picture. This is the equivalent of having the top half in PMODE 4, 1 and the bottom half in PMODE 4, 5 in Extended BASIC. CoCo Max will only LOAD files with an extension of "/MAX," so you must rename a non-CoCo Max picture before you can LOAD it into CoCo Max. I was successful in using Graphicom's "GC>BIN/BAS" program to convert a Graphicom picture to LOAD into CoCo Max.

CoCo Max always presents a graphics screen to the user. The upper border contains several menu selections that can be pulled down to give menu options. You pull the

menu down by pointing to it and clicking.

The menu options are graphically displayed under the menu selected. You pick the menu option by pointing and clicking, too. The menu option pointed to is highlighted in reverse video to let you know you've pointed accurately, and a checkmark to the left indicates that the option is on, absence of a checkmark indicates the option is off.

The actual work area is about 208 pixels wide by 128 pixels high. You slide the work area around the picture by using the hand in the tool kit. A scroll page option in the goodies menu lets you move the entire picture in detail. The show page option in the files menu lets you visualize the entire picture in reduced detail.

#### Features

The files menu allows you to LDAD, SAVE, do a directory of CoCo Max pictures and PRINT pictures in double-size, double strike and single-size modes. You may also CLEAR the page (erase the picture), undo your last step (re-do it, too) or quit to BASIC. My disk version has no provision for cassette SAVE or LDAD.

The edit menu lets you copy, cut, and paste portions of a picture to/from the clipboard on the disk. You may also invert, clear, fill, trace edges or flip horizontal and

vertical the pasted portion.

The goodies menu lets you select an invisible grid of 8 by 8 pixels that, when turned on, forces the end points of lines, boxes and circles to snap and lock on to the grid. "Fat bits" is a fixed zoom-in magnification of eight times normal size. "Show page" gives you an overall view of your picture in reduced detail. "Edit pattern" lets you change any of the 60 selectable patterns to a custom one, designed by you, "Brush shape" lets you select one of 32 different shapes for painting. "Brush mirror horizontal" and "vertical" lets you create symmetrical pictures by mirroring your brush strokes about the horizontal and/or vertical center of the page. "Inertia" is a special function to smooth out the jerky signal from the touch pad (it's not included in the version I have, but the manual discusses it).

#### Deficiencies

The major deficiency of CoCo Max is error reporting:

it doesn't. I couldn't get CoCo Max to crash, but it doesn't report errors such as "disk full," either. I intentionally filled a diskette so only five granules remained free. The picture I wanted to save needed six granules.

CoCo Max SAVEd the picture, but only five granules of it, and didn't bother to report this to me. The next SAVE (the disk is full, now) turned the drive on briefly and returned to CoCo Max. The diskette structure was not destroyed, but a directory showed that the picture didn't

get SAVEd.

Also, I succeeded in saving a file called "I:JUNK" on Drive 0; the "I:" was part of the name. Try to KILL that from Disk BASIC. CoCo Max has no provision for KILLing files. My disk version of CoCo Max is a one-drive system. CoCo Max doesn't normally need the system diskette, except for certain EDITing functions and to SAVE or LOAD pictures.

Though not deficiencies, here are a few things I'd like to see added to CoCo Max: multiple drive support; a programmable zoom magnification; the ability to stretch areas horizontally and/or vertically; the ability to SAVE

and LOAD edited patterns.

CoCo's CoCo Max vs. Macintosh's Macpaint

Having seen Macpaint first, I was skeptical when I saw Colorware's advertisement for CoCo Max, but the resemblance hooked me. Putting the two side by side, we began to look for Mac's 16-bit powerhouse 68000 to outpace its smaller eight-bit brother 6809 in CoCo. We were

surprised at how CoCo stood up to the task!

Macpaint's picture is black and white, 512 pixels wide by 768 pixels high; four times the area of CoCo Max. CoCo Max presents an artifacted (more than two colors from a two-color mode) color display of a picture, even though it's a PMODE 4 picture. Although CoCo Max can paint colored patterns in this mode, the colors change with

detail and position on the screen.

Macpaint has a function that allows portions of a picture to be stretched horizontally or vertically. Macpaint has a file menu that includes new, open, close, revert and print catalog. CoCo Max has more patterns to choose from: 60 versus Macpaint's 38. Macpaint has an additional option, "rotate" in the edit menu. Macpaint's goodies menu has "introduction" (a help file), while CoCo Max has a "scroll page" option. Macpaint has more fonts and styles than CoCo Max.

I was certain Mac would be faster, and it is, but that's not to imply CoCo is slow. I did not find myself waiting for CoCo Max except a few seconds to fill large areas, about half a page, or to capture a detailed area with the box edit function. A fill that took CoCo 2.4 seconds took Mac 1.3 seconds (remember Mac is filling four times the area of CoCo).

Conclusions

This software/hardware graphics system is an outstanding buy for the performance achieved. I am pleased that Colorware's advertisement accurately described the product and that their delivery was timely, as promised.

(Colorware, Inc., 78-03F Jamaica Ave., Woodhaven, NY 11421, 64K, joystick, mouse or touch pad required, disk \$69.95 plus \$3 S/H)

## Double CoCo's Serial Port With Data Line Switch Box

All of us have known the pain of wanting to use two RS-232 devices on our CoCo's one serial port. Many switch devices are already on the market to let you hook up two, or even three peripherals to your one port. A new entry is Phelan Enterprises' Data Line RS-232 Switch Box.

The Data Line Switch Box is a device to hook any two peripherals to the CoCo's single serial port. It consists of a 4" x 2" x 1" plastic box with one cable to hook to the CoCo port, and another two cables for peripherals to plug into. On the top are two switches to change which peripheral the computer is responding to.

Data Line does exactly what it is advertised to do, but I feel it has several shortcomings. The first is the use of two toggle switches, both of which must be flipped to switch peripherals. Also, the switches have a mysterious center position which is not documented. In my testing, I found it was very easy to think you've switched both switches, but actually leave one in the center position.

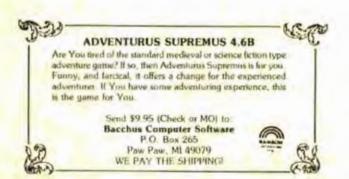
My second objection is with the price. Data Line is advertised at \$39.95. Other advertisers in RAINBOW are offering similar products at \$19.95 and I know of superior products of this type at \$29.95. These other products offer metal casing and one switch to do the job of the two used in Data Line. Rather than a professional product, Data Line looks like a very well-done project from "Turn Of The Screw."

The only documentation with the product is one page of computer print (dot matrix at that) with very skimpy instructions. The documentation also gives information on your warranty, which is 90 days.

Dr. Megabyte cannot prescribe this product because the bill is too high for the performance delivered. If Phelan can lower its price to the point where it matches the performance, it would get a much better recommendation. As it is, I would have to advise you to carefully look at very similar products' prices before buying this one.

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When you have your program ready to be marketed, the first thing you must do is save it to cassette. After doing this, you can then put the Aut-O-Start tape in your recorder. All that is needed to load and start the program is CLOROM, then hitting ENTER. After awhile, the program will display a colorful title screen and continue to load the program.

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The final one is the most interesting. The "protection" is to protect against most tape-to-disk copy programs and against the user breaking the protection by "skipping past" the loader section. That is to say, with some protections, all you have to do is skip the loader, then load the program as you normally would. Aut-O-Start, however, will not allow that. After doing all of this, you simply CSAVE or CSAVEM your program and Aut-O-Start will do the rest.

I think Aut-O-Start is an excellent program for those who need it to protect a product they are marketing. It would be extremely hard for someone to break the protection and look at your source code for devious purposes. If you need a safeguard, this product is definitely for you.

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(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of hoth The Rainbow Book Of Simulations and its companion Rainbow Simulations Tape.)

# Adventurus Supremus 4.6B: A Departure From The Usual

I found myself standing at the front door of a house. Looking around, I saw a doormat under me, a door to the north and a road to the south. Hesitantly, I walked through the doorway, and that's when the fun began.

This is how I started Bacchus Computer Software's Adventure, Adventurus Supremus 4.6 B. Supremus is a 16K BASIC, text-only Adventure game set in a pseudo-modern setting. The object of the game is to figure out a special verb and to apply it in a specific setting.

The documentation accompanying Supremus is quite thorough. It covers loading the game, running it, how to win, how to play an Adventure, how to contact Mr. Marcelletti for advice, and a verb list as well as a couple of other things!

The Adventure itself is not of the standard genre. Most of the locations are within a house, but there is also a gazebo and a desert with sand stretching for miles and miles. I encountered a big, mean ogre, as well as a calm looking man. The room descriptions were colorful and gave a sense of actually being there. A couple of situations (which I shall not name for fear of giving away anything) I've seen in other Adventures. These do not really detract from the Adventure, though.

There are, however, some bad points about Supremus that I must bring up in order to be fair to the readers of this review. First of all, I found it slightly annoying that the Adventure did nothing to tell you if it didn't understand what you just typed in. Also, the use of "OK" as a prompt is almost maddening. I get enough of that smug little word in BASIC, I don't need it in an Adventure, also!

To continue, I found a couple of things offensive, these being "R-rated" actions. One of these is pointless, getting you killed; the other action you must perform in order to progress further in the Adventure. Lastly, in order to run this Adventure on a 16K ECB computer, you must perform the infamous PCLEAR Ø with a PDKE 25,6, etc. I have no objection to this if the program truly will not fit into less space, but Supremus is written in a very inefficient way and could be written so the PCLEAR Ø wouldn't be needed.

All in all, Supremus is not a bad Adventure when one considers the price. It could be more efficient, and the R-rated actions really aren't necessary in this Adventure, I'm probably being picky, but I would not suggest this Adventure be purchased for young children. Also, Supremus is not the easiest Adventure I've ever played, so novices beware!

This is one of the lowest priced Adventures I've ever seen. If you really want to play something "different," buy Adventurus Supremus 4.6B; for \$9.95, it's a good deal.

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P51 is an excellent Simulation. Unlike other Simulations, you can play by yourself, or with two computers hooked

together either directly or through a modem.

The one-player version is usually used to get acquainted with the Simulation. The "enemy" in this mode is a drone that keeps on the same course and doesn't fight back. Although you don't do much fighting in this version, you can shoot down the drone for practice, I like using this version just as a regular flight simulator since it has the same basic elements as other flight simulators.

With two CoCos hooked together or through modems (the modem is a little slower), it is especially fun because the two computers are independent of each other. During this time, you can use any of the modes. It is not like other two-player games/Simulations where you both attack the same thing for points, but you attack each other, trying to shoot down your opponent's plane.

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It takes at least 15 hits to shoot the other person down, so it's not one of those one-hit-and-it's-all-over type Simulations. Each hit before destruction of the craft causes some sort of damage which I'll talk more about later.

There are four modes in which you can play. Peace is self-explanatory as is the war mode. In the "talk" mode, if you're playing through the modem or directly connected, the program will cause a distinct beeping sound on both computers. This will alert the other person that you want to talk. If he/she switches to this mode, the game will freeze and you can pick up the phone and talk to each other without messing up the game presently going on.

The last mode, turkey, is the equivalent of challenging the other player to a fight and if he answers it, the Simulation automatically switches to the war mode.

P51 offers four quadrants. In each quadrant, there is a north-south runway. When playing by yourself, you can land safely at any field, but during doglight mode, you can only land on your own fields. You start out with two fields and can gain more by shooting out the beacons next to your opponent's field five times. When you land on your own field, you get a full load of bullets and fuel.

Unlike other flight Simulations, you have a radar you can access while flying to find your enemy's position. Also, there are three skill levels which determine how many bullet holes are inflicted by each hit. Some of the damages I mentioned before include: reduction of your engine power, guns jamming, can't reduce/increase power, landing gear breaking or some of your instruments malfunctioning.

There are two negative points I feel are worth talking about. The first thing is that the graphics are limited. About the only things shown are your instruments, cross hairs (target finders), airfield markers and the enemy plane. The horizon is shown by the line where the ground and sky meet. The documentation explains that the programmer lives in Kansas and has never seen a hill.

The other problem will be evident to the people who buy flight Simulations just for the real life experience; they will notice there is no rudder control. This is for ease in the Simulation. The documentation explains that a rudder is not needed and why.

All in all, P51 Mustang Attack Flight Simulator is a very good and realistic Simulation. I think it's worth the money and recommend it.

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# SBASIC — BASIC With A Foreign Accent

After spending a few hours reading and pondering over the user's manual for this program, I was reminded of my efforts to learn pidgin English during my wanderings among the South Pacific Islands. In those days, I began to wonder why the natives could not just learn the English word "piano," instead of saying "big box beatem teeth noise come out." Some of SBASIC's user's manual language is equally as frustrating.

The user's manual describes SBASIC as a machine language utility to convert structured BASIC commands into Color BASIC.

After spending many hours trying to understand and operate this program, following the manual and trying all the samples in the manual with confusing results, I invested a few dollars in a telephone call to the author in Canada. I told him I thought most of his prospective purchasers of SBASIC would be nonexpert programmers who would like to have clearer and more detailed instructions. I asked that he send me step-by-step instructions on how to use at least two of his examples. I received a sheet to be inserted into the user's manual, but it adds little to clarity.

My next step was to prepare several short programs which I thought would demonstrate the use of SBASIC, and ask SBASIC to work its magic on them. I found that the Compile portion of the program would change some pidgin into English, and make certain translations from SBASIC to Color BASIC.

The Pack portion of the program eliminated leading blanks and unnecessary colons which were placed in the test programs to make them easier to read when printed. Pack, however, did not take out other unnecessary spaces nor combine lines to reduce the number of bytes unnecessarily consumed by the program.

I could see no great improvement over CoCo's Extended BASIC. The first three examples given in the user's manual are examples of SBASIC's substitute for BASIC's FOR NEXT statement:

#### Example

10 I=1:Total=0

20 LOOP

30 : TOTAL=TOTAL+PART(I))

40 : I=I+1

50 UNTIL (TOTAL>1000)

BO END

When the first example was put through the Compiler, the only change was that Line 20 was changed to 20 REM, but indicated an SN Error in Line 10. When put through the Pack portion of the program, the result was to eliminate the colon and leading spaces in lines 30 and 40. The second example resulted in an SN Error in Line 20. The third example had similar results.

Two examples were given of SBASIC's substitute for BASIC's IF/THEN/ELSE.

Example

10 51F(A>127)THEN 20 : A=A-128 30 : PRINT "NUMBER WAS TOO LARGE"

40 ELSE

50 : PRINT "NUMBER DK"

50 ENDIF

20 END

Are these really improvements over BASIC?

It could be likely I was doing something wrong, but I followed the user's manual to the letter, time after time. I believe that this is the proper way to review a program: The reviewer should follow the instructions exactly. The program and the manual must be taken as a package and if the package, taken as a whole, does not work, it is in need of revision.

If one has written a long program in easy-to-read form, and wishes to eliminate the colons and blanks which have been inserted just to make it easy to read, the Pack portion of SBASIC would be useful in "tightening up" the program. To me, this would be the most valuable part of SBASIC. However, similar "Pack" programs are in the public domain. I do not believe I would use the other parts of the program, as I do not see any great advantage of the SBASIC language over Extended BASIC language.

The least that Tandar Software should do is rewrite the user's manual so an average, novice programmer could easily understand it and operate the program from the information in that manual.

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#### CORRECTIONS

"PERT" (March 1985, Page 140); Jorge Mir tells us he's had some reports of problems having to do with various printers. PERT was written for the Okidata Microline 92 printer, and these special effects codes are used:

CHR\$(12)	Feed paper to beginning of next page (most printers have this)
CHR\$(28)	Select elite font (96 chars/line)
CHR\$(29)	Select compressed font (132 chars/line)
CHR\$(30)	Select normal font (80 chars/line)
CHR\$(31)	Switches on double-emphasized mode

If you have some other printer, you will need to change the printer codes contained in lines 1740, 1800, 1810, 2320, 2330, 2470, 2480 and 2500 to make the special modes work with your printer. If your printer does not have the elite (96 characters per line) font, the compressed font will work. Also, on most other printers you will need to use two modes (emphasized and double-strike) in combination to create the double-emphasized mode.

The Okidata printers automatically clear the doubleemphasized mode when changing fonts; if your printer doesn't, you will need to insert the necessary codes as well.

If your printer doesn't have the form feed function, change the following two lines to read as follows:

```
1800 \text{ IF INT}(1/58) = 1/58 \text{ THEN FO}
R XX=1TO6:PRINT#-2, " ":NEXTX
1810 NEXT I
```

Finally, all users should change the word PAINTRICAL in Line 2400 to read CRITICAL.

"Restoring BASIC Programs" (April 1985, Page 14): Richard Benton advises us that our description of his program was incorrect. First, he says the version given will only work on disk systems because the machine language code falls in the cassette I/O buffer area. To create a cassette version, change lines 10 and 40 to read as follows:

```
10 CLS:FORI=600TO630:READAS:POKE
 I, VAL( "&H"+A$): NEXT
```

40 CSAVEM RESTORE , 600, 630, 600

It should be emphasized that the BASIC program creates disk or cassette copies of the ML code, and the resulting saves are the program that actually does the work. If you were to load the BASIC program after the system crashes, it would replace the program you are trying to recover. (If you have a cassette system, you may want to keep the ML program on a separate tape.)

"CoCo Becomes The Paymaster" (March 1985, Page 58 and April 1985, Page 82): Dennis Weide informs us that a few changes need to be made in the EMPLOYER and CKWRITER programs. Add the following lines to EMPLOYER to allow editing of state taxes:

```
14650 PRINT"STATE TAX TOTAL": INP
UT B15: IF B15= " THEN 14700 ELSE
 TL=VAL(B1S)
15550 PRINT STATE TAX TOTAL : INP
UT BIS: IF BIS= " THEN 15600 ELSE
 YL=VAL(BIS)
```

Edit the following lines in EMPLOYER to read as follows:

```
14600 PRINT"FED. INC. TOTAL": INP
UT B15: IF B15=" THEN 14650 ELSE
 TF=VAL(BIS)
15500 PRINT "CONTRIBUTIONS": INPUT
 Bl$: IF Bl$="" THEN 15550 ELSE Y
C=VAL(B1$)
```

Edit the following lines in CKWRITER to read as follows (to allow printing of first names with over six characters):

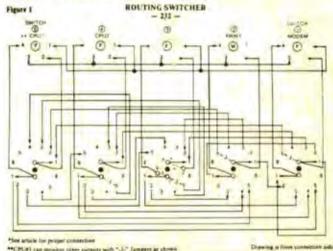
```
17300 FOR Q=1 TO LEN(A$):IF MID$
(AS,Q,2)=" " THEN NAS=LEFTS(AS,
Q):GOTO17500:ELSE NAS=AS
17500 FOR Q=1 TO LEN(B$):IF MID$
(B$,Q,2)=" THEN NB$=LEFT$(B$,
Q): GOTO17700: ELSE NBS=BS
```

"We Want Our Q-NERD!" (May 1984, Page 175): Jerry Forsha tells us that two lines have to be modified for use on the Color Computer 2 or any other CoCo that has the Color BASIC 1.2 ROM:

Delete Line 1, then edit Line 55 to read as follows:

```
55 SCREEN1, 0:SC=0:Y2=56:M=3:YP=1
70:C=3:CS=1:SS=4000:INKEY$= * *:GO
TOID
```

Routing Switcher (April 1985, Page 32): Michael Lill tells us that there are some errors in the schematic diagram on page 33. Here is the corrected schematic;



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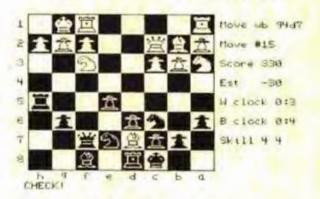
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- Laran Stardrake

By Bob Albrecht and Ramon Zamora Rainbow Contributing Editors

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(Well-known author Bob Albrecht co-authors the "Game Master's Apprentice" feature for THE RAINBOW each month. Ramon Zamora is author and co-author of several books, co-founder of Computer Town USA!, and currently designing computer games for kids at Child Ware Corp. in Menlo Park, Calif.) wandering Star, as regular readers know, is a hungry creature who subsists on cosmic dust motes. Your CoCo's TV screen is her universe.

Wandering Star sometimes moves next to a cosmic dust mote, then moves away. Let's teach her how to "peek" at nearby places to see if any cosmic dust is there. If there is, she will move directly to it instead of wandering randomly — a much more efficient way to gather food.

Remember, print positions on the screen are numbered from zero (upper left corner) to 511 (lower right corner). For each screen position, there is a corresponding location in the CoCo's memory. These memory locations are numbered from 1024 to 1535.

- Memory location 1024 corresponds to screen position zero
- Memory location 1025 corresponds to screen position one
- And so on. Memory location 1535 corresponds to screen position 511

You can easily compute the memory location that corresponds to a given screen position.

memory location = screen position + 1024

You can also easily compute the screen position that corresponds to a given memory location, provided the memory location is in the range 1024 to 1535.

screen position = memory location - 1024

For each character on the screen, the CoCo keeps the character's ASCII code in the memory location that corresponds to the screen position of the character.

- The code for short-tailed cosmic dust (.) is 46
- The code for long-tailed cosmic dust (,) is 39
- The code for cosmic escargot (@) is 64

If screen position 235 contains a short-tailed dust mote (.), then memory location 1259 contains the number 46. If screen position 400 contains a long-tailed dust mote (.), then memory location 1424 contains the number 39. Suppose screen position 510 contains one cosmic escargot (@). The corresponding memory location is 510 + 1024 = 1534. Location 1534 contains the number 64, which is the ASCII code for '@.'

Now learn how to PEEK into a memory location and find out what number is there.

- Press the CLEAR key
- Type PRINT PEEK [1024] and press ENTER

Don't abbreviate PRINT with a question mark — type the word PRINT. The screen should look like this.

PRINT PEEK (1024)
80
DK
PEEK Into memory location 1024

You told the CoCo to PEEK into memory location 1024 and PRINT the number stored there. Remember, memory location 1024 corresponds to screen position zero. The letter 'P' is in screen position zero. The ASCII code for 'P' is 80, so the CoCo printed 80. Try another.

- Press the CLEAR key
- Type PRINT PEEK (1535) and press ENTER

The screen looks like this.

PRINT PEEK (1535)
96
0K
PEEK into memory location 1535

This time you PEEKed into memory location 1535 which corresponds to screen position 511. That screen location is solid green, so we thought the CoCo would print 143, the ASCII code for the solid green graphics character. Not so! If you clear the screen by pressing the CLEAR key (or by typing CLS), the CoCo puts the code 96 in every memory location that corresponds to a screen position. Try this.

- Type CLS 1 and press ENTER
- Type PRINT PEEK (1535) and press ENTER

The screen looks like this.

DK PRINT PEEK (1535) 143 DK

When you use CLS 1 to clear the screen, the computer puts 143 into memory locations 1024 to 1535. Hmm . . . what if you use CLS 0, CLS 2, CLS 3, CLS 4, CLS 5, CLS 6, CLS 2 or CLS 8? Try it and find out. Then try one more example.

- Press the CLEAR key
- Type PRINT @80, "@" and press ENTER
- Type PRINT PEEK (1104) and press ENTER

The screen looks like this.

PRINT @80. -@
DK
PRINT PEEK(1104)
64

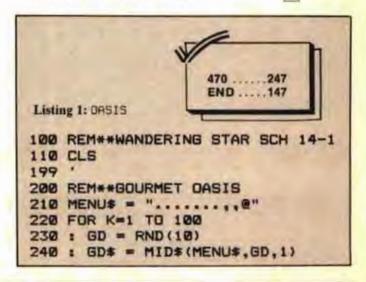
DK
Cosmic escargot at screen position 80

You cleared the screen, put a byte of cosmic escargot at screen position 80, then PEEKed into the memory location corresponding to screen position 80: memory location = 80 + 1024 + 1104. Just what you expected — 1104 contains the ASCII code (46) for a byte of cosmic escargot (@). Go gobble it up, Wandering Star!

Now we will give Wandering Star a program that lets her peek one place right, left, down or up to see if there is anything to eat nearby.

Nothing to the right.
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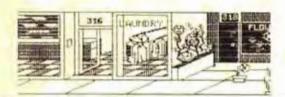
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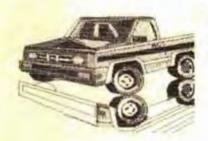


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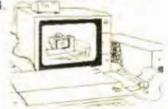
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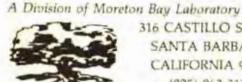
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250 : PRINT @RND (510) . GD$:
260 NEXT K
299
300 REM**WANDERING STAR APPEARS
310 WS$ = "#"
320 R = 7: RN = R
330 C = 16: CN = C
340 SP = 32*RN + CN
350 PRINT @SP. WS$;
360 FOR ZZ=1 TO 1000: NEXT ZZ
399
400 REM**WS PEEKS R, L, D, U
410 ML = SP + 1024
420 IF C(31 THEN PR=PEEK(ML+1)
430 IF C>0
            THEN PL=PEEK (ML-1)
440 IF R<15 THEN PD=PEEK (ML+32)
450 IF R>0
           THEN PU=PEEK (ML-32)
460 IF PR<>96 THEN CN=C+1: 80TO
710
470 IF PL<>96 THEN CN=C-1: GOTO
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500 REM**NO FOOD-MOVE RANDOMLY
510 W = RND(4)
   IF W=1 THEN CN = C + 1
530 IF W=2 THEN CN = C - 1
   IF W=3 THEN RN = R +
550 IF W=4 THEN RN = R -
599
600 REM**KEEP HER IN THE DASIS
             THEN CN = 0
610
   IF CNKØ
620 IF CN>31 THEN CN = 31
630 IF RN<0
             THEN RN = 0
640 IF RN>15 THEN RN = 15
650 IF 32*RN+CN=511 THEN 510
699
700 REM**WANDERING STAR WANDERS
710 PRINT @SP, " ";
720 R=RN: C=CN: SP=32*R+C
730 PRINT @SP, WS$;
740 SOUND RND (255) , 1
750 FOR ZZ=1 TO 20: NEXT ZZ
799
800 REM**GOTO DIRECTION SELECTOR
810 GOTO 410
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Perhaps You Have Some Patterns in Mind

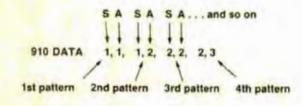
Perhaps you have a plan in mind - a pattern of patterns or a sequence of sequences. You would like your student, child or friend to experience first this pattern, then another and another. You have a plan which begins with easy patterns, then slightly more difficult, then more difficult, etc. It is your plan, do it your way.

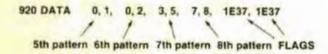
Instead of letting the CoCo select random number patterns, you can prescribe a sequence of patterns. The following program allows you to do this. All you have to do is rewrite the DATA statements, so your plan replaces ours.

```
Listing 2: PATTERNS
100 REM**NMBR PATTERNS SCH 14-2
110 CLS
120 PRINT "TRY SOME NUMBER PATTE
RNS.": PRINT
130 PRINT "PRESS THE spacebar TO
BEGIN. "
140 IF INKEY$="" THEN 140
199
200 REM**READ STARTING NUMBERS
210 CLS
220 READ S, A
230 IF S = 1E37 THEN PRINT "I'M
OUT OF PATTERNS" : END
299
300 REM##SHOW 'LATEST' NUMBER
310 PRINT @448, S
320 PRINT
399
400 REM**COMPUTE NEXT NUMBER
410 S = S + A
```

```
499 '
500 REM**WHAT TO DO NEXT
510 PRINT @480, "FOR NEXT NUMBER
, PRESS spacebar"
520 PRINT "FOR NEW PATTERN, PRES
S clear";
530 K*=INKEY*: IF K*="" THEN 530
540 IF K*=" " THEN 310
550 IF K*=CHR*(12) THEN 110
ELSE 530
599 '
900 REM**VALUES OF S AND A
910 DATA 1,1, 1,2, 2,2, 2,3
920 DATA 0,1, 0,2, 3,5, 7,8, 1E3
7, 1E37
```

For each pattern, the two starting numbers, 'S' and 'A,' are stored in a DATA statement. These numbers are read by Line 220. The DATA statements are in lines 910 and 920.





The DATA statements have values of 'S' and 'A' for eight patterns, followed by two outrageous numbers, 1E37 and 1E37. These numbers are the flags which say: "There are no more numbers. We are not pattern numbers. We are here only to tell the computer there are no more numbers."

Why two flags? Because the READ statement (Line 220) reads two values. There must be two values, or an OD (Out of Data) Error message will occur when the CoCo tries to read two numbers in Line 220. The second flag is not used, but must be there,

With the above program, you can plan your sequence of sequences, or pattern of patterns. You pick each FIRST NUMBER and you pick each ADD-ON number. You pick each pair of numbers in the DATA statements. Use as many pairs as you want, then finish with two flags, 1E37 and 1E37. If you don't like our flags, use use your own. But, if you change the flags, also change Line 230 in the program. Please don't confuse the computer.

If you want geometric sequences instead of arithmetic, change Line 410 as follows:

410 5 = 5\*A

Try the program, using our DATA statements. It begins like this.

TRY SOME NUMBER PATTERNS.
PRESS THE SPACE BAR TO BEGIN
This is in reverse color

Press the space bar and the first pattern begins.

Reverse color
FOR NEXT NUMBER, PRESS SPACE BAR
FOR NEW PATTERN, PRESS CLEAR KEY

Reverse color

To continue with this pattern, keep pressing the space bar. To get the next pattern, press the CLEAR key. If all the starting numbers have been used, you will see the following message.

> I'M OUT OF PATTERNS OK

Do you want geometric sequences instead of arithmetic sequences? If yes, change Line 410 as follows:

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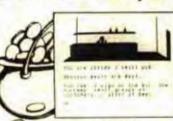
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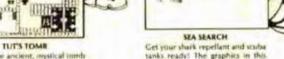
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hat's buying a car got to do with spreadsheets or other computer programming? A lot if you use the spreadsheet in the process. I just went through that process. I knew pretty much what I wanted, so I didn't do many "what if" projections. If you feel like looking at a variety of makes and models, more spreadsheet use could be involved.

You can really get organized easily using a spreadsheet. And when you are organized, you can be on the offense with the dealer who is on the defense.

Let's start the story.

First, I got \$500 "free money" toward a new car. Some may remember when Chrysler announced record earnings in January, they also announced that all employees and all customers who had purchased a new Chrysler product between 1979 and 1984 would get a certificate worth \$500 on a new 1985 car.

One must address these situations with great care. After all, my 72 station

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I reflected for a couple of weeks. The station wagon was aging, rusting and pieces were falling off. Signals of middle age perhaps. But, a Tandy 1000 seemed a bit neater than a new car and is unlikely to rust. On the other hand, computers aren't mobile. It seemed a brief fact-finding trip to the local Dodge dealer would be in order for a new car consideration.

The dealer was out of station wagons and had only one car that cost more than four IBM PCs with a printer thrown in. I did get literature and stopped at a newsstand on the way home to buy a book containing both suggested retail and dealer costs for new cars and their options. Now I could rationally evaluate the situation from the safety of my easy chair with my wallet secured between me and the upholstery.

On the way home the next evening, I stopped at a Plymouth dealer who had no new wagons, either. He could sell me an '84 demonstrator where my lacocca Certificate did not apply, and which did not benefit from the free automatic transmission promotion. I had the feeling I would pay more for that car than a new one ordered to my specifications. Time to do a spreadsheet.

Example I is the final spreadsheet for the car I ordered and is typical of what you might do a number of times as you narrow down your choices. All the data comes right out of the manufacturer's literature and the price book. The only formulae, @SUM(B1...B23) and @SUM(C1...C23), are in cells B24 and C24 which sum the entries in the columns of Example 1.

The formulae cover the entire column above the total row including the heading and the blank row above the

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totals. You can insert and delete any row within this range and the formulae will adjust themselves. This makes "what if" testing easy.

For example, you may have chosen three options that are also included in the discounted "popular options package." Save your current spreadsheet, then delete those options and add the popular options package. A recalculation shows the new totals which you can compare with those in the unmodified spreadsheet. Since the popular options package is discounted, you might find that \$50 more buys \$150 worth of options.

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Those with printers will do well to print each sheet they make and take these along when they visit the dealers. On my next dealer visits, I had done some spreadsheets, but did not have them along. Having done the spreadsheets only the night before, I knew from memory what I wanted and the costs to the dealer for these.

Sensing I knew what I wanted, the salesperson got a scrap of paper, pencil and her price book and set about recreating my spreadsheet by hand. After minutes of writing, erasing, adding and subtracting, we had a list number to work from. I was thinking about how much easier the same thing had gone with DynaCalc.

The next day, we arrived with the Example I spreadsheet to finalize the order. Again pencils, papers and calculators came out as they strived to determine the price. The first cut price was wrong. They left out the vinyl seats. Finally they got it right. I should have

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1-MONTHS	36		0-B1		100
2-PRINCIPAL	8500		(1+(B3/12))	cl	
3-INTEREST RATE	.125		(1-C2)/(B3/	12)	
4-					
5-PAYMENT/MO.	B2/(1-((1+	(B3/12))HO-B1))	/(B3/12)) B2/C3		
6-					
7-TOTAL PAYMENTS	8 B5*36				
8-					
9-INTEREST PAID	B7-B2				
10-					
11-MONTH	1				
12-START PRINCIPA			INTEREST	B12*(B3/1	2)
13-PRINCIPAL PYM			PRINCIPAL	B12-B13	
14-MONTH	B11+1			ALPERTAL DE	
15-START PRINCIPA			INTEREST	B15*(B3/1)	2)
16-PRINCIPAL PYHI			PRINCIPAL	B15-B16	
17-MONTH	B14+1				200
18-START PRINCIPA			INTEREST	B13*(B3/1	2)
19-PRINCIPAL PYMI	B5-D18		PRINCIPAL	B18-B19	

made two printouts and given them one to check. It would have saved some hassle and mistakes.

Next came the financing. I had looked in a few references for the formula for calculating monthly payments and came up dry when Herb Slodounik of Decatur, Ill., sent me a letter with the formula saying it works in Elite\* Calc, but not in Dyna Cale,

The book formula is P=B((1-(1+(1) 12))^-N)/(I/12)). BASIC, Elite\*Calc and Multiplan for other computers have a hierarchy of operators. In our equation, these "languages" would raise (1+(1/12)) to the power -N and then subtract that value from one. That is because raising to a power is above subtraction in the hierarchy. VisiCalctype spreadsheets do not have such a hierarchy. Therefore, DynaCale and VIP Calc evaluate all math expressions on a strictly left to right basis, except as modified by parentheses. This is extremely important since it is contrary to how you would solve equations using pencil and paper or how you would program the equation in BASIC.

Example 2 is a formula dump of a DynaCalc spreadsheet to calculate monthly payments given number of payments, amount financed (principal) and the interest rate given as a decimal number. An interest rate of 12.5 percent is entered as .125. These variables are entered in cells B1 . . . B3. The formula to calculate payments is in B5 and looks like this:

B2/(1-((1+(B3/12))RO-B1))/(B3/12)) (--1-) (-3--) (-5--) 6 ---

The diagram below the equation shows the order of calculation and how the parentheses group. The innermost expression (B3/12) is calculated first, (1+Value1) and (0-B1) are at the same level so the left one is calculated first.

Note that DynaCalc will not accept (-B1), but (0-B1) works. The same cell construction is used in Cl. Other spreadsheets are not so fussy. In Step 4 the raise-to-power operation occurs. At this point you should be able to reason out steps 5 through 7 for yourself.

To get to the equation in B5, I broke the book formula into pieces and put these into cells C1. . . C5. These produce the same answer in C5 as the full equation produces in B5. Many times it is easier to put work areas like C1. .. C5 outside the formal area of the spreadsheet and move their results back to where that value is to appear in a printout. Now the consideration is the order of calculation for the whole spreadsheet, rather than order of calculation for a specific formula.

A forward reference is where a formula in a cell uses a value from another cell that has not been calculated yet. A typical order is to calculate the values in Column A starting at Row 1, then the spreadsheet moves to Column B and does the same thing. This would work fine for the top part of our spreadsheet.

The last nine lines of the spreadsheet start a series of calculations that calculate how much of each payment goes to interest and to principal, then calculates the outstanding principal after each monthly payment.

In cell B12, the starting principal is brought down from cell B2. This value is used in cell D12 along with the interest rate from B5. The interest charged in D12 is subtracted from the monthly payment in cell B5 to get the amount available to reduce the principal. In cell D13, the starting principal for the month is reduced by the value from

This spreadsheet arrangement becomes a disaster when columns are calculated from left to right. The calculation of the principal payment in B13 needs the interest payment from D12 which has not been calculated yet. The effect snowballs since the start principal in B15 needs the value from D13 which is not right because B13 is not yet right, etc.

You can manually cause a recalculation which will fix B13 and D13, but D13 is calculated too late for B15 to be right. In fact, two recalculations for each month in the spreadsheet would be necessary. With DynaCale, you can change the order of calculation so rows are done in order down the spreadsheet and all our troubles go away.

Elite\* Calc calculates rows down the spreadsheet in order from left to right. Example 2 is a very worst case situation that was not purposely designed to exemplify the problem, but which does so in spades.

VIP Calc also permits changing a default column-by-column calculation order to a row-by-row sequence using the Global command. The VIP Cale manual also warns against circular

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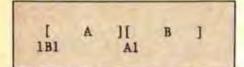
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references that cannot be resolved. A trivial example follows:



Cell B1 contains nothing but the formula A1. Cell A1 evaluates to zero since there is nothing in B1. Likewise B1 equals zero since A1 equals zero. Here no harm is done or anything useful done, but in more complex expressions, there is no telling what may happen.

For those who have hung in there up to now, Example 3 is the interest payment spreadsheet as you would see it without the formula dump.

I have shown only three months of the calculations of monthly principal and interest. The formulae for Month I are a bit different than for succeeding months. The month number in B11 is entered as '1.' The principal in B12 is obtained from B2. The month number for Month 2, B14, is calculated by adding one to the value in B11. The principal in B15 is the amount calculated in D13. The same pattern occurs for Month 3, B17 adds one to the value three cells above.

The value in B18 is from the cell two up and two right. This is describing relative cell addresses. How many cells away in each direction is the cell from which to get a value? Another type of cell addressing is fixed addressing. The interest rate is in B3. Whenever we need the interest rate, we always go to that cell. Likewise, the monthly payment is in B5; we always go to that cell for it.

If we replicate cells with formulae to enlarge our spreadsheet so it will produce interest and principal for the full term of the loan, *DynaCale* will display the formula in each cell and move the cursor to the first cell reference and ask (S)ame or (R)elative, If we want fixed addressing, we press the 'S' for same cell displayed. More likely than not we will be dealing with relative addressing and strike the 'R.'

In Example 3, the payment amount and interest come from fixed address cells and we enter 'S' for them when asked. Two data pieces, the last month number and the outstanding principal, come from the previous month and relative addressing is required to get them. Finally, the amount of interest and the principal payment for the particular month are relatively addressed within the lines for that month.

When the replicate is complete, the actual cell numbers are shown in the equations. *DynaCalc* used the (S)ame or (R)elative information you entered to calculate the right cell address to use.

The Elite\*Calc Copy command works in a similar manner. I really like the way Elite\*Calc's copy works; it can deal with blocks rather than only columns or cells. You need to tell Elite\*Calc if you want to adjust some of the formulae for relative addressing by choosing the Q=QUERY option. It then stops at each cell reference to ask if you want that cell reference adjusted for relative addressing. If you press ENTER at the system prompt, OPTIONS (V,N,Q), all references are adjusted for relative addressing. Press 'N' and none are. 'V' copies only the values in the cells, but not the formulae that created those values.

When using the Elite\*Calc Copy command, you may specify a single cell or a range of cells to copy. For example, you could copy A14:D19 to A20 to get calculations for months 4 and 5. When Elite\*Calc asks OPTIONS (V,N,Q), press 'Q,' then answer 'N' to adjust cell references B3 and B5, and 'Y' to all others. Next, copy A14:D25 to A26 to calculate months 6 through 9, and so on.

DynaCale's replicate is similar except you cannot replicate a block. To accomplish the block move we just discussed, you need to replicate columns A, B, C and D separately. That's more work in this case, but in other cases, DynaCale lets you replicate a single cell to a range of cells, all in a row or a column. Furthur, you can replicate a column or row of cells to multiple columns or rows.

Now, if we had the features of Elite\*Calc's Copy and DynaCalc's Replicate combined into one command, wow! VIP Calc's Replicate is just like DynaCalc's, except the program asks "Relative Y/N" for each cell reference.

To wrap up this month, I want to point out a new version of Elite\* Calc has come out to run with PBJ's Word-Pak with an 80-character screen. One owner I spoke with is very pleased with the program; it offers a number of upgrades and changes, most important of which is the inclusion of vertical and horizontal windowing. A borders option to provide column and row identification on printed spreadsheets is also available. The new Zap command will blank all cells containing numbers while preserving formulae and text. This may be neat for blanking out all values from a shell you are developing. But, be careful, this will wipe out constants, LOOKUP tables and the like. The disk is copy protected with a backup copy provided in the package. Check out the ads in this RAINBOW for price and availability.

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3-INTEREST RATE	.125 29.89213	
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5-PAYMENT/MO.	284 3558 284 3559	
6-	204.0000 204.0000	
7-TOTAL PAYMENTS	10236.81	
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9-INTEREST PAID	1736.809	
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11-MONTH	1	
12-START PRINCIPAL	8500.00 INTEREST	88.54
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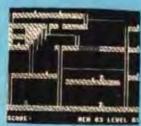
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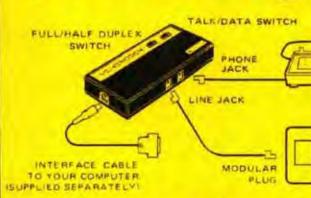
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# Securing A Graphics Cache

By Dan Downard Rainbow Technical Editor

I am working on a program to draw pictures on my computer that I can recall on my cassette for later use with other programs. My problem is within the realm of getting the same picture after I have stored and recalled graphics pages one to four and the PMODE, SCREEN, foreground color and background color. I own a 64K Color Computer.

Greg Arnold Xenia, OH

Greg, your question is a very hot topic due to the popularity of several new graphics programs on the market. The immediate answer to your problem is quite simple. Assuming your graphics screen has been saved as a binary file starting at \$E00, the default address for Extended BASIC graphics memory, just run the following BASIC program.

10 PMDDE X.X:SCREEN X.X 20 (C)LDADM"FILENAME" 30 GDTD 30

The variables of 'X' describe the graphics mode from which the picture was saved. This program appears in the CoCo Max manual as an example of displaying the PMODE4,1:SCREEN1,1 screen necessary for artifacted colors.

Let's go a little further, though, Greg. If you are interested in accessing graphics screens from machine language, how do you duplicate the PMODE and SCREEN commands? The inputs for the VDG are bits three through seven of U4, a 6821 PIA at address SFE22.

To experiment with the different graphics modes not available with the PMODE command, you need some information on the VDG. This information is in the TRS-80 Color Computer Technical Reference Manual and also in Section IV of the older

(Dan Downard is an electrical engineer and has been involved in electronics for 25 years through ham radio [K4KWT]. His interest in computers began about six years ago and he has built several 68 XX systems.) Getting Started With Color BASIC manuals. This information can be summarized as follows:

All of the new graphics programs are really fun to play with, but compatibility of the information is a real problem. The above information is the basis of converting files from one system to another. Of course, the address of the graphics screen is different for all of the programs also, and has to be converted from one program to another.

Good luck, and if you come up with any good screens, send them to us and we'll publish them in the "CoCo Gallery."

#### CHIP CHANGE

• I have a 64K 'E' Board CoCo 1. About three weeks after installing 64K, my computer locked up. Pressing Reset or on/off results in columns of inversed @'s and spaces, and I cannot control the computer. Occasionally, turning the computer off for a long period of time then turning it on and hitting Reset a few times will clear the screen and return everything to normal. But, after two minutes, the computer locks up and the whole thing starts over.

I noted that removing the 6809 chip and turning on the computer results in the same screen pattern. Is my 6809 overheating and going bad?

Steve Powell Cochrane, Ontario

Normally, garbage on the screen tells me that you have a bad memory chip, Steve. Get one spare chip and start swapping out the chips on a one-by-one basis. If this doesn't work, try the SAM and 6809 chips.

#### WRITE-PROTECT PROTECTION

• For floppy disks in general, and for Radio Shaek drives specifically, I'd like to know if there is a possible failure mode that could ruin a disk that has a write-protect sticker installed. I use library disks to consolidate utility software for transfer to other disks and because copies of these programs exist on a variety of other disks, I do not want to back up these library disks. But, I do not want to lose these convenient sources of utilities, either.

Also, I have some purchased software, such as DynaCalc, that comes on a master disk that cannot be duplicated from which runnable copies are created. I'd like to know what dangers exist — other than handling and dirty heads — that could ruin a write-protected disk.

Dennis Page Hawthorne, CA

According to schematics of the CoCo disk system, the write-protect switch in your drive is connected to an input on the WD1793 inside the disk controller interface. According to Western Digital, the manufacturer of the WD1793, "a logic low terminates the command and sets the Write-Protect Status bit."

This sounds pretty safe, doesn't it? There are other problems associated with lost data on disks, Dennis, If you maintain these disks for archival purposes, I don't think you will have anything to worry about. But if you use them everyday, just as you mention, head wear and handling in general could cause problems.

For programs you use a lot, it pays to have a backup.

#### WANTS DISK AND UPPER RAM, TOO

 I have an 'E' Board CoCo with Extended BASIC 1.1 and Disk BASIC 1.0. It was upgraded by Radio Shack to 32K and by me to 64K. I have a 64K Boot provided by Skyline Marketing with the 64K upgrade as well as one from THE RAINBOW. I can open the upper RAM when the disk controller is not installed and access it. But with the controller in my place, it will not access normally. If I run a program to poke consecutive numbers into a byte of upper RAM, I get the following result:

Before Poke	# Poked	After Poke
2	0	0
0	1	0
0	2	2
2	3	2
2	4	0
0	5	2
2	6	2
2	7	2.
2	8	0
0	9	2

I would like to be able to use upper RAM with the disk. Can you help?

Richard E. Hawley San Francisco, CA

Richard, you didn't mention what addresses you were poking. If they are above \$FF00, you will not be able to read what you wrote, or PEEK what you POKEd, as this is the area of memory reserved for SAM registers. Try some addresses between \$E000 and \$FF00.

#### THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE

• Can you tell me where I can get a schematic diagram and maybe a service manual for the Disk Controller I Card? Do you know where I can get a disassembled listing of the Disk I.0 ROM and a good disassembler? And also, how does the 6809 CPU know that the Disk Controller Card is connected on power up when the cartridge select pin on the card is not used?

Rick Thorne East Keansburg, NJ

Rick, I am going to nominate you for an award for the most questions in the shortest letter! Unfortunately, the answers are not going to be that short.

Radio Shack publishes a service manual for the Color Computer Disk Interface. Ask your dealer for a service manual, Catalog No. 26-3022.

Spectral Associates published a ROM dissassembly entitled Disk BASIC Unravelled. The set consists of three books, one each for Color BASIC, Extended BASIC and Disk BASIC. If you care to try yourself, there are several disassemblers on the market. Two I am familiar with are the Micro Works' 80C and Computerware's Super Sleuth. Of course, EDTASM+, from Radio Shack, has a disassembler as part of ZBUG.

Address \$80A6 of the Extended BASIC ROM checks the first two memory bytes at address \$C000, the beginning of the Disk BASIC ROM. If they are correct, Extended BASIC assumes a disk ROM is installed and jumps to the disk ROM for initialization.

#### RPM OVERLOAD

On Page 238 of the September 1983
RAINBOW, Dan Downard states he will
address the subject of adjusting the CoCo
disk drive RPM in the October issue. I've
looked in every issue since September 1983
and cannot find it.

I've been using OS-9 for three months with no problems until now. All of a sudden my disks spin at 307.8 RPM which is beyond OS-9's specifications. Is this speed something I can adjust myself and how, or do I have to support Radio Shack again? I await with baited chips.

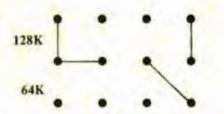
Rick L Earsley Elgin, IL

Rick, I had a problem finding it myself. On Page 294 of the November 1983 issue you will find a picture explaining the calibration procedure.

For those of you who don't have this issue we will try to explain the procedure. On the older TEAC drives, there is a yellow potentiometer on a circuit board at the front left of the disk drive. This pot controls the speed of the drive. While under a fluorescent light, or using a speed checking program, adjust this pot for 300 RPM.

 The following diagram shows how to install a 27128 EPROM on the latest CoCo 2 single ROM, two-RAM Board.

Jump across J1 (an address line), then follow this diagram for jumpers J2, J3, J4 and J5:



Jump Pin #1 to Pin #27 on EPROM

Douglas Cook W. Jordan, UT

Thanks, Doug. I'm sure there are quite a few people who will benefit from your hint.

#### SWITCH HITTER

• Iam the owner of a 64K Color Computer (D' Board). I have installed my disk controller inside my computer and wired it all into the circuit board (works just super, cleared up a lot of problems), but this created a problem I can't figure out. I'd like to know if it is possible to put a switch somewhere to detach the Disk BASIC and if it is, where would I put it? I would like to be able to just flip a switch to disable

it, as I would like to use ROM packs at the odd time.

Ralph Hansen Nelson, British Columbia

I would suggest installing a switch in the CE line of the ROM. This would disable any addressing of the ROM and make your system think you are using Extended BASIC.

#### KEYBOARD CONNECTION

 I would like to hook up a typewriterstyle keyboard, but they are quite expensive, Could I hook up a cheaper keyboard from a CoCo 2 to my 'E' Board CoCo?

> Mary Darr Grand Ledge, MI

Mary, the only problem with using a CoCo 2 keyboard is the connector is different. There are adapters made for this purpose. Radio Shack supplied these adapters with their keyboard upgrade kits, so ask your local service rep where you can order one.

#### BASIC BOOBY-TRAP

 I am a SYSOP of a BBS and my problem is that when the computer finds an error, it throws the caller into BASIC. Do you happen to know of a way to achieve an DN ERROR GOTO statement?

> Gary Wright Jr. Huntsville, AL

One solution that comes to mind, Gary, is to use a program called Superscreen by Mark Data Products. It supports full error trapping in Disk BASIC. There are several other ads for programs that add error trapping to BASIC, along with a few suggestions in recent RAINBOW articles.

#### CURSOR CURSES

 Is it possible to reduce the size of the blinking cursor on the CoCo? There are times when it becomes distracting.

Norman L. Garton Joliet, IL

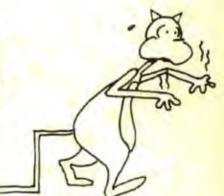
Norman, try the following: POKE &HA1A6.0 — my cursor disappears. The routine for blinking the cursor is located at \$A199 in your Color BASIC ROM.

Your technical questions are welcomed. Please address them to: Downloads, THE RAINBOW, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, KY 40059. We reserve the right to publish only questions of general interest and to edit for space and clarity. Due to the large volume of mail we receive, we are unable to answer letters individually.

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# RAINBOWTECH

## OS:9 UTILITY

This database program keeps track of two separate mailing lists — a personal list and a business list

# MAIL09

any persons who have purchased the OS-9 operating system and the BASICO9 language from their Radio Shack dealers have found themselves with a very powerful system and not a lot of software to run on it. MAILO9 is a piece of software to help fill part of the need.

MAILO9 is a database program which keeps track of two separate mailing lists — one a personal list and a business list. It is menu and prompt driven, and thus is very easy to use. It also contains operations not found in many similar programs such as the ability to not only make labels of all the addresses you have, but also to make multiple mailing labels of a single

(Tim Harris has a bachelor's degree in computer science and is employed as a software engineer. Several of his programs have also been featured in the "KISSable OS-9" column of THE RAINBOW.)

#### By Timothy A. Harris

entry. This is nice if you don't like to write return addresses all the time just run off a few hundred labels and you're set.

MAILO9 also uses an indexed file structure so you can locate an item quickly and the mailing list is always sorted alphabetically for you via a bubblesort routine run on the index.

The two mailing lists can each be up to 100 entries long as currently implemented and each entry contains up to 10 fields. These fields are a company name for the business list, a last name, first name, title, two address fields, city, state, ZIP and phone. The last name is used to index the personal list and the company name is the index key for the business list. These two fields can contain up to 25 characters: the first name up to 10, the title up to four and

the address fields up to 32. The city can have up to 15 characters, the state up to 10 if you don't like to abbreviate, the ZIP code can be up to 10 characters long for the new nine-digit ZIPs, and the phone can handle 14 characters for area code and number in a format of (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

MAILO9 is written in BASICO9 which is an ideal language for implementation of application programs in the OS-9 environment. One major advantage of BASICO9 is the use of user-defined TYPE declarations like PASCAL which allow the label (that includes the above fields) to be a single data item.

Another advantage of BASIC09 is its modularity; the total code for MAIL09 is very large, too large, in fact, to run on the CoCo with OS-9 if it is all in one big chunk of code as regular Microsoft BASIC programs are, but BASIC09 allows one to make programs in separate modules and have these modules loaded as needed from disk when they are called from another module. The modules communicate with each other via the parameters they pass.

If you look at the code, you will notice there are four main parameters used: label, index, listfile and indexfile. Since the label is only used within a given procedure, it need not be passed as a parameter and could be declared by a DIM statement in each procedure that needs to read or write an entire label. This approach, however, takes up a lot of space since the label uses up quite a chunk of memory.

I chose to save on this memory use by declaring the label only in the first procedure and then passing it to all others as a parameter, making only the main procedure save the memory for the label and then all the others need only save the address of the label to access it.

The index array is also passed around for similar reasons. The listfile and indexfile are the actual names of the data file you will be using, and let you work with two separate lists and still have only one index file in memory at any given time.

I would like to make a few technical notes first before I actually get into the operation of the MAILO9. First of all, the program requires a Hi-Res screen to run, such as those found in O-Pak or that obtained by the PBJ Word-Pak. The standard display of the Color Computer will just not work; the menus would be too large to fit on a single screen.

I used the 64 by 19 display of O-Pak to write the program, but the 51 by 24 would work just as well, and an 80 by 24 would be great. The use of O-Pak gives a nice display at the cost of memory — lots of it — which further limits the memory available with BASIC09. BASIC09 needs about 22K to load and O-Pak takes up another 6K or so, leaving about 7-8K of workspace in BASIC09. I can get a workspace of 9983 with BASIC09 and O-Pak installed, but only after eliminating several device descriptors and drivers from my boot file.

Due to these constraints, the program will not run within BASIC09 itself, but needs to run PACKed with the RUNB package in memory. The use of the KILL statement after RUNing a procedure helps conserve memory space also, by unlinking the data space used by that procedure. The program modularity also has its drawbacks, although it allows a large program to run in limited memory, it does this by leaving things on the disk until they are actually needed, making a program access the disk drive a lot during execution.

If you have standard Radio Shack drives tracking at 30 ms, this can cause delays, so it is best to have your drives tracking as fast as they can (mine go at six ms and there is not much delay in the program execution). For hints on how to make your drives work faster or how to get rid of unwanted device descriptors and drivers, look into some of the past issues of RAINBOW at the "KISSable OS-9" column.

MAIL09 consists of 21 separate procedures which are PACKed into 15 modules; to get it up and running on your system, it's best to have a disk set up with a CMDS (Commands) directory for RUNB, the program modules and any system utility you might want, mainly dir and del.

If you have a single disk system, you would also want to put BASIC09 in the CMDS directory so you could edit the

programs and put the sources in a separate SOURCE directory before PACKing them to the CMDS directory. Remember, you cannot turn PACKed I-Code back to BASIC09 source code if you have to edit it, so always SAVE the source code first.

I also set up a separate DATA directory to hold the files generated by the program and use it as the data directory while running the program.

When entering the code, I chose to PACK those procedures common to all of the program into the main module. Thus, enter the code for the modules mail09, clearscreen, entryerror, getindex, printlabel and inputdata all into the workspace at one time, then use "run mail09" or "list mail09" to get that to be the current module, and SAVE\*

```
The listing:
PROCEDURE mail09
TYPE labeltype companyname: STRING[25]; title: STRING[4]; lname: STRING
[25]; fname:STRING[10]; addressl:STRING; address2:STRING; city:STRING
[15]; state:STRING[10]; sip:STRING[10]; phone:STRING[14]
TYPE indextype "name: STRING[25]; number: BYTE
DIM label: labeltype
DIM index(100):indextype
DIM ciname, piname: STRING[6]
DIM clname, plname: STRING[5]
DIM resp:BYTE
ciname: "cindex"
cloame:="clist"
piname: "pindex"
plname: "plist"
LOOP
RUN clearscreen
PRINT '
                             MAIL09"
PRINT "
                       List Selection Menu"
PRINT "
PR TNT
PRINT "
                     1 - Work on Personal List"
PRINT "
                     2 - Work on Buisiness List"
PRINT "
                     0 - tric to 08-9"
PRINT
INPUT "
                          Selection I ", resp
EXITIF resp=0 THEN
RUN clearscreen
ENDEXIT
IF resp=1 THEN RUN mainmenu(label,index,plname,piname)
ELSE IF resp=2 THEN RUN mainmenu(label,index,clname,ciname)
ELSE RUN entryerror
ENDIP
ENDLOOP
PROCEDURE clearscreen
DIM clearcode:STRING[1]
clearcode: =CHR$(50C)
PRINT clearcode
PROCEDURE entryerror
DIM resp: BYTE
PRINT
PRINT "
                        Illegal Selection"
PRINT "
                      Hit any key to Continue"
GET #0, resp
END
PROCEDURE getindex
TYPE indextype name: STRING[25]; number: BYTE
PARAM 1d: INTEGER
PARAM index(100):indextype
PARAM numentries: INTEGER
numentries:=0
WHILE NOT(EOF(#1d)) DO
numentries: "numentries+1
GET #id, index(numentries)
```

ENDWHILE

them and PACK\* them into the SOURCE and CMDS directory. The '\*' will make all the procedures go into a single module called mail09. The mailsort and xchange procedures should be similarly SAVE\*ed and PACK\*ed into a module named mailsort.

All the remaining procedures should be PACKed individually into separate modules making for 15 modules and 21 procedures. If you follow this procedure, you should be able to run the program by getting out of BASIC09, making sure your execution directory is CMDS and the data directory is DATA, then typing "mail09" which will bring up RUNB and the main module of the program.

Once you get the program up and running, the actual use of it is simple. The entire program is menu and prompt driven, so it tells you or asks you what to do at every step of the way. You are first asked if you want to work on your personal or business list, both of which can contain up to 100 entries. Also on the selection menu is the option of zero (to return to OS-9); throughout the program the option of zero will return you to the previous level of the program.

After selecting a list to work on, you will go to the main menu where you can 1) create the list; 2) update the list; 3) display the list to the screen; 4) print the list to the printer; 5) print mailing labels (the program is set up to use one wide fanfold labels that are 31/2 inches wide and 15/16 inches high; 6) print individual labels and make multiple copies of a single label; 7) execute a Shell command; and 0) return to the selection menu. If you choose to update the list, you will see the update menu which allows addition of entries, alteration of an entry and deletion of an entry. At all times you will be told what exactly to do or given a menu to decide from, so the program is very user friendly.

I hope MAIL09 helps to bridge the gap of availability between having a powerful operating system and having some powerful software to run on it. The source code is rather long and does take some time to type it all in, but the BASIC09 editor makes it an easier and faster job by automatically capitalizing for you and doing a lot of error checking as you type.

(You may contact Mr. Harris with any questions about this program at 6620 Forest Court, Des Moines, IA 50311, phone (515) 274-2393.)

```
PROCEDURE printlabel
TYPE labeltype=companyname:STRING[25]; title:STRING[4]: lname:STRING
[25]; fname:STRING[10]; address1:STRING; address2:STRING; city:STRING
[15]; state:STRING[10]; zip:STRING[10]; phone:STRING[14]
PARAM path: INTEGER
PARAII label: labeltype
PARAM dophone: BOOLEAN
DIM numlines, 1: INTEGER
numlines:=0
IF label.companyname()"" THEN PRINT *path, label.companyname
numlines: "numlines+1
ENDIF
IF label.title(>"" THEN PRINT *path, label.title; " ";
ENDIF
IF label.fname()"" THEN PRINT #path, label.fname; "
ENDIF
IF label.lname()"" THEN PRINT #path, label.lname
numlines: "numlines+1
FNDIP
IF label.addresslO"" THEM PRINT *path, Label.addressl
numlines: "numlines+1
IF label.address20" THEN PRINT #path, label.address2
numlines: "numlines+1
ENDIF
PRINT #path, label.city; ",
                            "; label.state; " "; label.zip
numlines: "numlines+1
IF dophone THEN
PRINT *path, label.phone
numlines: "numlines+1
ENDIF
FOR 1: numlines TO 5
PRINT Ppath
MEXT 1
END
PROCEDURE Inputdata
TYPE labeltype=companyname:STRING[25]; title:STRING[4]; lname:STRING
[25]; fname:STRING[10]; address1:STRING; address2:STRING; city:STRING
[15]; state:STRING[10]; zip:STRING[10]; phone:STRING[14]
PARAM label: labeltype
PARAM listfile:STRING[5]
PARAM alldone: BOOLEAN
alldone: =FALSE
IF listfile "plist" THEN
label.companyname: ""
                            : ",label.lname
INPUT "Last Name
IF label.Iname"" THEN
alldone:=TRUE
ENDIF
ELSE
INPUT "Company Name
                            : ",label.companyname
IF label.companyname"" THEN
alldone: "TRUE
FESE
INPUT "Last Name
                            : ",label.lname
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF NOT(alldone) THEN
INPUT "First Name
                                ,label,fname
INPUT "Title
                                .label.title
                              ",label.addressl
INPUT "Address 1
                              ",label.address2
INPUT "Address 2
                              ",label.city
INPUT "City
INPUT "State
                              ",label.state
INPUT "Zip Code
                                .label.zip
                            : ",label.phone
INPUT "Phone Number
ENDIF
 END
```

### RAINBOWTECH

### KISSable OS-9

### News, Hints And Answers

### By Dale L. Puckett Rainbow Contributing Editor

where don't have a lot of news this month, but we have more questions to answer. We'll start with a load of hints and we'll wrap up the column with a number of interesting BASIC09 procedures from several readers.

First, I stumbled upon a long thread where members were discussing the merits of several alternatives to Tandy's CCDISK module and learned about a new driver we haven't mentioned before. MJS Software (3121 Sea Lane, Bremen, IN 46506, (219) 546-4009) offers a CCDISK that reportedly does an excellent job handling 80-track, double-sided drives.

A lot of the coding was done by an OS-9 pioneer, Carl Kreider. Carl is one of the leading contributors to the OS-

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9 Users Group's software library and is very knowledgeable. If you call MJS, tell them they should have let us know about it sooner! That goes for anyone producing OS-9 software... tell us and we'll tell the world in "KISSable OS-9."

We mentioned recently that several readers were interested in running OS-9 on the Dragon computer; while reading the SIG, we noticed that Jim Omura had left the company's address: Dragon Data Ltd., Kenfig Industrial Estate, Margam, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, SA13 2PE. Should be a good place to write for Dragon information.

Speaking of addresses, Jonathan C. Keatley left the following for the Dragon's 6551 ACIA:

Sff04 — Receive/Transmit Data

Sff05 — Status Register Sff06 — Command Register

Sff07 — Control Register

Jonathan also left a four-line BASIC program that emulates a dumb terminal. If you have one of the new RS-232 Paks and the new version of OS-9 with the ACIAPAK drivers, you should be able to emulate it nicely in BASIC09. When

you do, you'll need to use the corresponding addresses for the RS-232 Pak's registers. See the SysType listing later in this column or look in the device descriptor for /T2 to find the base address of the RS-232 Pak's ACIA. Here goes!

10 POKE &HFF06, &H68 : POKE &HFF07, &H36

20 YS=INKEYS : IF YS< > "" THEN POKE &HFF04, ASC(YS)

30 IF PEEK (&HFF05) AND B THEN PRINT CHR\$(PEEK(&HFF04));

40 GOTO 20

Software Library News

You've probably had a chance to peruse the complete listing of the OS-9 Users Group's Software Exchange Library in the May RAINBOW. Here's some more good news. The list you read was complete as of February 1, 1985. I've learned that 10 more disks have already been added to the list. We'll try to get it compiled for you in a future RAINBOW. Dave Kaleita, the group's software librarian, has sure been busy.

MOTD, the group's newsletter, has picked up a new contributing editor. Hubert "Bert" Schneider in Omaha, Neb., has signed on to write a regular

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column about the OS-9 Users Group's Software Exchange Library. He'll be highlighting software in the library and reviewing it for you. I received MOTD number five recently. It looked great and featured an excellent overview of OS-9 from Greg Morse, plus at least a dozen other good articles.

But, the group's new editor, Tim Grovac, is already preparing another issue. We quote: "I need some more articles for MOTD. Become famous instantly! Help support your Users Group! Certainly there must be something you all are doing with your computers that others would like to hear about." Send disk or printed copy

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We still keep getting letters here at THE RAINBOW asking how to join the OS-9 Users Group. Once again, here's the address.

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### New OS-9 Machines

Since the rumor mill has decided that

Computer until 1986, I found this note from Steve Sampson interesting.

If you are interested in a high performance OS-9 machine, please contact Jack Gerblick, 1945 Gallows Road, Suite 305, Vienna, VA 22180. It seems Fujitsu is thinking about selling its 68XX(X)-based machines here in the

In Steve's words, "The FM-11 is a simply astonishing dual 6809-based machine with very good color graphics and OS-9/6809 Level Two. In my opinion, it blows away a Macintosh, even without the 68000 board that can be installed in it. The FM-77 is another dual 6809 machine that starts smaller than the FM-11 but is expandable. The FM-16, in its Japanese incarnation at least, is a 68000-based computer."

Anyone who attended either of the last two Microware Seminars in Des Moines can youch for Steve's description. They were pretty slick. The bottom line? I guess it's up to us - today's OS-9 pioneers - to convince Fujitsu they need to invest in the U.S. market. You've got the address; go to it.

Here's a tip from John Schira that may help solve your problems with ACIAPAK and /T2 in OS-9 Version 1.01. John believes the people who aren't having any trouble are using smart modems. Conversely, he feels if you are using a dumb modem - a Radio Shack Modem I, for example you're probably having trouble making this combination work right. The

"Smart modems leave the carrier detect signal between the computer and the modem high - or on - so the computer can send commands to the modem while it is offline. I've found that /T2 and ACIAPAK work consistently well as long as this signal is present," he said. "Without this signal, they won't work. The solution is to try jumpering pin 8. If this doesn't work, try pin 6.

### Invasion of the Hard Drives? Maybe!

I've received about a half-dozen calls about hard disk drives during the past month. It seems like everyone has noticed the price dive the bare drives are taking and are hoping some enterprising entrepreneur will come out with a system for their CoCo. I saw one working at Irvine, but the company hadn't announced it yet - they believe in announcing a product when it is

Tandy won't release a new Color ready, not before. When they tell us it's ready, we'll let you know.

> The real problem here is the cost of the cables, controller, power supply and everything else it takes to build a complete hard drive system. Another firm designed a system for the Color Computer recently, but will it ever go into production? I doubt it. Why? Even though a manufacturer can buy a five megabyte hard drive for around \$100 now, it is still going to cost them around \$600 (final selling price) to build a tacky system . . . or \$1400 to build one that discriminating computer owners would be proud to own. The question then remains: Is a person who paid \$200 for his computer going to spend \$600 or \$1400 - for a hard disk system? Probably not!

For the same reason you aren't seeing software houses rush to invest the talent and time necessary to develop new applications software, you probably won't see much new hardware either. Because of the unique marketing strategy used by Tandy (i.e., they only sell their computers in their own stores). a manufacturer can only sell peripheral equipment by mail order. When he does, he may reach 10 percent of the market. To succeed he needs a higher percentage. The software houses are in the same boat, so we all lose. That's

This scenario was played out again in a letter I received from Cliff Davis (12714 Burson Drive, Manchaca, TX 78652). It seems that he and Jim Smith have designed a CoCo RAM Disk. The ttl prototype uses 55 chips in addition to four banks of dynamic memory chips and bank select logic to support four additional banks - a total of 512K. It plugs into the bus expander and uses the Color Computer's 'E' and 'Q' clocks for timing. To transfer data, you send a two-byte logical sector address and a function code to the controller. The software includes an OS-9 device driver, device descriptor and a "prep" utility.

So what's the problem? Well, Cliff and Jim have gone to three companies so far. All have said that it looked like a great enhancement for the CoCo, but, they don't believe the market will bear the cost of the finished product. Cliff's alternative is to offer the board as a construction project in RAINBOW. He would like to create enough interest in the design to justify making a PC board. Let him know what you think.

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### New Software Newsletter

I talked with Frank Hogg at FHL and learned that his company plans to publish a newsletter for software developers. It's for you if you are developing software for any computer. Regular columns will feature columns for programmers, engineers and yes, even the marketing types. The new publication will be named SoftNews.

Frank has been in the software business for several years so he has plenty of experience to share. The price: \$24 for 12 issues. The first issue was scheduled to hit the stands in May. After that, it will be published every other month until August when it goes monthly. If you are developing software for any computer or are interested in the software development business, call FHL. By the way, if you are in the business and have a few tips to share, Frank is also looking for writers.

### Everyone's Talking about OS-9 68K

Frank couldn't contain his enthusiasm for OS-9 — 68K that is. He had been working with Microware's C compiler on his K System, "QT," and successfully ported many C programs from the OS-9 Users Group Library to the QT.

"All of the C programs that were written in 6809 Microware C compiled the first time in 68000 C and most ran immediately," Frank said. "The only ones that wouldn't run were the ones that were written specifically for the 6809 microprocessor using in-line assembly language code. Some of the C programs written in Introl C would not compile, but this is true for the 6809 C compiler, also."

Frank reported that most of the BASIC09 programs loaded and ran immediately. The only one that wouldn't run was a modem program that used a lot of direct pokes to memory. "It is quite a kick to type "Basic@9 #325325k and receive a report that you have 388,106 bytes free for programs (in a 512K QT)."

And Frank wasn't the only one excited about OS-9 68K. Rodger Snyder at Great Plains Computing now named Stylo Software, Inc. reports that you can edit a file 150 pages long and have it all in memory at one time. Wow! Also, Brian Lantz, author of Computerware's Databank Manager, reported that BASIC09 appeared to be almost 100 percent compatible - at the source level - with BASIC09 on the Color Computer. He noticed that a new function, "INKEY #filenumber" has been added along with a "DIGITS" statement that lets you control the number of digits printed from a real number.

### More Version 1.01 Notes

John Carter of Smyrna, Ga., who showed you how to personalize your OS-9 prompt several months ago, has been studying the differences between OS-9 Version 1.0 and Version 1.01, and he was good enough to share them with

His first tip is that the OS9Boot file that comes with the new version is \$3607 bytes long compared with \$3032 bytes in the original. This means if you use the trick we passed along in the February column to place the CMDS directory at the same location on each disk, you must make sure all of those disks are using the same version of OS-9. If you have different versions the trick will not work, so beware.

Here is a table that shows you a few more of the size differences.

### In the CMDS directory:

File	Original Size	New Size
dcheck	\$28A0	\$27C6
free	\$2C1	\$2D1
ident	\$6CE	S6E7
tmode	\$2CF	\$2DE
xmode	\$380	\$38F

### In the DEFS directory:

OS9Defs	S4A7A	\$54B4
RBFDefs	SHFF	S154E
SCFDefs	SAOF	SE94
SysType	\$42	182

The DEFS directory in the new version has a new file named defsfile. This file has been in non-Color Computer versions of OS-9 for several years and simply tells the assembler to use all of the other "defs" files.

If you are a person who delights in trying to stay on top of what Tandy is up to with the Color Computer, Carter suggests you browse through the files in the new DEFS directory. You'll learn that plans really did exist for a "Deluxe CoCo" at one time — study these lines from the new Sys Type file.

ACIAType set ACIA6551
A.72 set \$FF3C 6551 Acia

A.T3 set %FF68 6551 AciaPak

A.T2 set %FF68 6551 ACIA external

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If you browse deeper into the "defs" files you'll also find a hint of OS-9's popularity in Japan — it's second in popularity there only to UNIX. There are references to "kata" and "kanji" and "Hoshi." Think about it — these Japanese characters can be drawn on a high resolution screen just as easily as English letters. Interesting!

### **BASIC09 Graphics Programs**

Carter donated several BASIC09 listings that should really help you learn some of the language's fundamentals. We've had a lot of requests for information about using graphics under BASIC09. Two of John's procedures will really get you started. I was impressed when I ran them.

Gfxtest is a simple routine that draws a line and a series of concentric circles in several background/foreground combinations using print statements. Screentest uses BASIC09's "gfx" module to dazzle you with circles and lines in several colors and prints big letters. It also shows you how you can use several of the cursor positioning commands on an alpha screen from within OS-9. Enjoy!

Carter wrote a BASIC09 procedure that emulates the CP/M and MS-DOS Type command. It simply lets you display the printable characters in any file on the terminal. Itype, on the other hand, displays printable characters but, also displays the other characters in the file as a two-digit hexadecimal number. It works a lot like the standard "dump" utility — it's just in a different format.

And finally, his CoCoDir lets you read the directory of a Radio Shack DOS disk from within BASIC09. It shows you how you to use OS-9's '@' operator along with BASIC09's SEEK and GET statements to look at any disk.

We received another BASIC09 procedure — cursor\_position — that demonstrates yet another function from Mark W. Smith of Latonia, Ky. He uses the MOD function to create a window on PBJ's Word-Pak II since it does not recognize cursor positions greater than 512 when using the POS function.

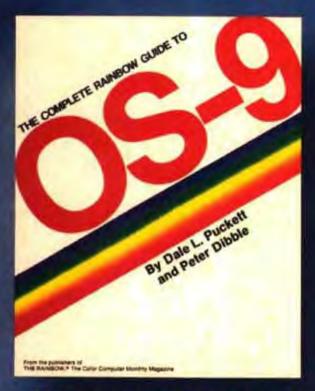
Smith also had a question. He mentioned that he was unable to install the Word-Pak II drivers properly with Version 1.01 of OS-9. He mentioned that ACIAPAK and a few other modules didn't appear in memory after he created a new boot file.

Here's the answer, Mark. Most likely the "install" procedure and the bootlist

```
The listing:
procedure elapsed
 REM by Thomas Alan Ring
 REH 75 Harket, Apt. #4
 REN 315-265-2808
 REM To start typing "run elapsed("5",et)
REM To Finish typing "run elpased("F",et)
 PARAM sf:STRING[1]; et:INTEGER
 DIM f.a:STRING[17]
 DIM sc,fs,sm,fs:INTEGER
 DIM sh,fh,nd,fd:INTEGER
 DIM es,em,eh,ed:INTEGER
 ON ERROR COTO 1
  IF of "S" THEN
     FODATES
    END
  FLAR
       PRINT "Wrong Input Parameter:
       PRINT "Use S(tart) or F(inish)"
  ENDIF
  sc -VAL(HID$(s,16,2))
  In - VAL(HIDS(f, 16,2))
  sm VAL(MIDS(s,13,2))
  fm "VAL(MID$(f,13,2))
  sh=VAL(MID5(s.10.2))
  th-VAL(MID$(£,10,2))
  sd=VAL(HID$(s,7,2)
  fd=VAL(HIDS(E,7,2))
  IF En-nc C O THEN
      Fh=fm-1
      fa=fa+60
  ENDIF
  IF fm-sm C O THEN
     fh=fh-1
      farfa+60
   ENDIF
  IF fh-sh(0 THEN
    fd=fd-1
     In=fb+24
  ENDIP
   esefs-sc
   envin-sa
   eh#fli-sh
   ed=fd-ad
   ct"es+60*(en+60*(eh+24*ed))
  ENDIF
  gotto.
1 PRINT "Probable date/time error: "
   PRINT "Elapsed Time will be wrong.
PRINT "Check date, t."
   EMD
PROCEDURE cursor positioning
             DDN test string:STRING[80]
 0000
 onne
             DIN blank:STRING[1]
 0018
             DIM data_inputs, count, data_lines, remainder, milch: INTEGER
 002F
             blank:="
 0037
             data lines:=14
 003E
             data inputs:"1
 0045
             zilch:=0
 004C
             BASE O
 004E
             PRINT CHR$($0C)
             PRINT USING "580", "Contributed to RAINBOW by Mark W. Smith"
PRINT USING "580", "Routine to show one way the MOD function can be
 0054
 0087
used in cursor posicioning"
             PRINT USING "S79"", "to replace the POS function that WORDPAKII does
 CODE
not support.
 0126
             PRINT
             PRINT CHR$($02); CHR$($20); CHR$($36);
PRINT USING "S80", "Hold down the CRETURNO key for demo";
 0128
 0139
             PRINT CHR$($02); CHR$($20); CHR$($26);
```

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file on the Word-Pak II disk probably were written for Version I.0 which didn't contain those modules. Just edit "install" and bootlist to include the missing modules and I'm pretty sure they will appear. Good luck!

Another gung-ho BASIC09 programmer in the CoCo crowd is Tom Ring in Potsdam, N.Y. Tom sent two tips and a procedure that will give you accurate execution timings. It's called elapsed.

Ring passed along this tip which you may not have tried before. Use the global editing capabilities of BASIC09 to your advantage. It can save a lot of wear and tear on your fingers. Imagine that you want to use a long variable name like ElapsedSeconds in a BASIC09 procedure. Why not simply type ES and

"When you connect two
computers together, you
need a null modem cable
— a cable that connects the
transmit or output line of
one to the receive or input
line of the other."

then use BASIC09's global change command. Give it a try.

E: c\* .ES.ElapsedSeconds. ENTER

Also Ring advised that if you are a little tight on memory, you can save 768 bytes when you run BASIC09 by using OS-9's built-in ex command. You'll have to use the Chd and Chx commands after you return from BASIC09, however, because when you run ex, OS-9 throws away the Shell that called it. Here's the command line:

05-9: ex basic09

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If you're looking for a public domain communication protocol that gives you error checking and can be used on your Color Computer, Mark E. Sunderlin, a.k.a. Dr. Megabyte, suggests Kermit. It runs on more than 200 different machines ranging from the IBM 370 down to the CoCo and lets any two computers transfer text or binary files. Mark uses it to transfer data between his CoCo and a Zilog Z-8000 UNIX system at work. The CoCo version is written in C. You can get all versions from Columbia University in New York City but Mark didn't give us the

```
017A
              remainder: "MOD(data inputs, data lines)
 0170
          INPUT "PROGRAH
AREA!"
 BRID
                                    DATA HAY
                                                        BE PLACED
THIS
                                   , test string
 DIDE
             PRINT CHR$($08); "1";
 DIEA
              IF remainder zilch THEN
 0197
                PRINT CHR$($02); CHR$($20); CHR$($26);
 070A
                PRINT CHR$($18); CHR$($42);
 0214
               FOR count"! TO 16
 0224
                 PRINT blank
 0229
               NEXT count
 0234
               PRINT USING "S80", "Hold down the CRETURN> key for demo"
 0264
               PRINT CHR$($02); CHR$($20); CHR$($26);
 0275
             ENDIF
 0277
             data inputa data inputa+1
 0282
           UNTIL data inputs=500
 0288
PROCEDURE Efstest
0000
           DIM f,g: INTEGER
 000B
 000c
 0013 10
           PRINT CHR$(15); CHR$(1); CHR$(g)
 0024
           PRINT CHRS(20)
0029
           PRINT CHR$(21); CHR$(4); CHR$(0)
           PRINT CHR$(22); CHR$(4); CHR$(8)
 0036
 0044
           PRINT CHRS(21); CHRS(122); CHRS(95)
 0051
0052
           FOR f=5 TO 95 STEP 5
             PRINT CHRS(26); CHRS(f)
 0067
 0071
           NEXT E
 0070
0070
           R*R+1
 0088
 0089
           IF LAND(g,3)=0 THEN g=g+1
 00A2
           ENDIF
MAA
0005
           POK f=1 TO 3000
 0086
           NEXT E
 0001
0002
           PRINT CHR$(19)
00C7
           GOTO 10
oocs
00CC 100
           PRINT CHRS(18)
0004
00b5
           REM chr$(18) clears the graphics memory
OOFB
           REM RUN, BREAK to exit, RUN 100 to clear gfx memory
0120
PROCEDURE 1 type
0000
           PARAH name: STRING[60]
000C
           DIM path: INTEGER
0013
           DIM FIREAL
           DIM char:STRING[1]
001A
0026
           DIM tst: BOOLEAN
0020
002¥
           ON ERROR GOTO 100
0034
           tot=TRUE
0034
           OPEN Spath, name: READ
0046
           £×0
004E
           WILLE tat DO
004F
005B
             SEEK #path, f
0062
1,900
             IF EOF(#path) THEN PRINT
006E
               CLOSE #path
0074
               END
0076
             ENDIF
0078
0079
             GET /path, char
0083
             f=f+1
008F
0090
             IF char=CHR$(7) OR char=CHR$(10) OR char=CHR$(13) OR char
   >=CHR$(31) AND char<=CHR$(127) THEN PRINT char;
00C2
             ELSE
               PRINT "\":
0006
               PRINT USING "h2", char;
Once
CODE
             ENDIF
ODDA
```

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And speaking of communications, Richard Cambell of Havelock, N.C., wrote to ask why he couldn't get his two Color Computers to communicate with OS-9. He uses OS-9 and an RS-232 Pak on one CoCo and wants to use the other as a terminal via its builtin RS-232 port. He says they both can talk to local bulletin boards, but when he connects one to the other — using the same cables — they just sit there.

Here's the problem: Both computers are talking and both are listening, but they aren't talking to each other. Since you mentioned that both machines can talk to local bulletin boards through your modem, we know that the RS-232 ports on both of the Color Computers are working.

The answer: When you connect two computers together, you need to use a null modem cable — a cable that connects the transmit or output line of one to the receive or input line of the other. You can build one by reversing those two wires on the cable you're using with your modem. Or, if you would rather not attack the cable with

```
8000
           BIDWILLE
CODF
00E0
           CLOSE #path
00E6
           PRINT
8300
00E9
           REN if you want a character count, add the next line
FRINT "character count="; f
011C
           IF ERR-216 THEN PRINT name; " not found"
0134 100
0152
           EMPLE
0154
           BYE
0156
PROCEDURE acreentest
nonn
            (* demonstrates screen controls under coco os9
            (* John Carter - WB4HLZ - Feb. 1985
0028
0052
           DIM f.g: INTEGER
005p
           DIM a,b,c,d: INTEGER
0070
           DIM tat: BOOLEAN
 0077
 0078
 007E
            (* 12 clears screen, I homes cursor without clearing screen
 0089
           PRINT CHRS(12);
COMP
OUCO
           FOR f=1 TO 12
DODO
              PRINT "line "; f
ddoo
           NEXT E
8300
           FOR F=1 TO 3000
00E9
COPA
           NEXT #
0105
0106
           FOR f=1 TO 4
              (* 9 is "up one line"
0116
0128
              PRINT CHR$(9);
0131
           NEXT E
013C
0130
           PRINT "up from 12"
0148
0140
           FOR f=1 TO 3000
0150
           NEXT E
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Finally, as we wrap up the file named /d/RAINBOW/KISS.June, here's a note about another new product that hit the stands this month. Computerware is now shipping Look and Listen for OS-9. Inside, you'll find the high resolution screen that Brian Lantz developed for their stand-alone Databank Manager, a font editor to create characters for it, several sound commands, as well as a device driver and descriptor that lets you use Tandy's Speech/Sound cartridge.

The Speak command in this package is like the standard OS-9 Echo utility, except it sends its output to the Speech Cartridge, i.e., "Speak Hey turkey, you better not delete that file!" On the other hand "Talk" and "Talker," the device descriptor and driver, act just like any other OS-9 device.

For example, if you want your CoCo to read a listing of the files in your current data directory you need only type this command line:

OS-9:dir>/talk ENTER

How can the Fourth of July compete? See you then!

```
0168
 0169
                PRINT CHR$(1); "top line";
 017A
                (* 10 is LF
 0178
 0186
                FOR f=1 TO 12
 0196
                  PRINT CHR$(10):
 019C
 01A7
 BAID
               PRINT "press enter for graphics"
 01C4
               INPUT XS
 0109
 DICA
               (* this is the fun part
 Otel
               (* set 4 color mode [1] - (green background) yellow foreground [1]
 0223
 0224
               RUN gfx("node",1,1)
 0236
 0237
               (* clear the graphics screen
 0253
               (* just in case there's something there
 027A
 027B
               RUN gfx("clear")
 0288
               (* wait a bit
 0295
 0296
               FOR f=1 TO 1000
 02A7
               NEXT F
 0282
0283
               FOR g=5 TO 35 STEP 5
                 RUN gfx("circle",45,95,g)
RUN gfx("circle",210,95,g)
0208
02E1
02FA
               NEXT E
0305
0306
               (* wait a bit
0313
               FOR f=1 TO 4000
0324
               NEXT E
037F
               (* "alpha" takes you back to the alpha screen
0.35C
0350
               RUN gfx("alpha")
0364
               INPUT "press enter to add blue ###es",x$
038F
               (* set blue foreground [2]
DAG
              RUN gfx("mode",1,2)
RUN gfx("line",0,0,255,191)
RUN gfx("line",0,191,255,0)
RUN gfx("line",180,12,95,97)
RUN gfx("line",180,181,95,96)
RUN gfx("line",76,180,161,95)
RUN gfx("line",76,12,161,97)
AAEO
03BC
0304
03EC
0404
041C
0434
OAAC
044D
               (* wait
0454
              FOR f=1 TO 3000
0465
              NEXT €
0470
0471
              (* 14 is also back to text
DARH
              PRINT CHRS(14)
              PRINT "press enter to add red lines and text"
PRINT "then press enter again to exit"
0490
0489
040#
              INPUT x$
04E0
04E1
               (* set red foreground [3]
             (" set res rotegions ()
RUN gfx("mode",1,3)
RUN gfx("line",76,181,180,181)
RUN gfx("line",76,12,180,12)
RUN gfx("line",76,12,180,12)
RUN gfx("line",95,96,161,96)
RUN gfx("line",0,0,255,0)
DAFA
0500
0524
053C
0554
              RUN gfx("line",1,191,255,191)
RUN gfx("line",0,0,0,191)
0560
0.584
```

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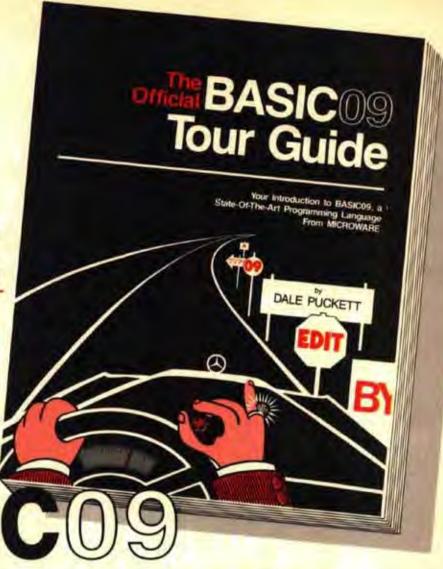








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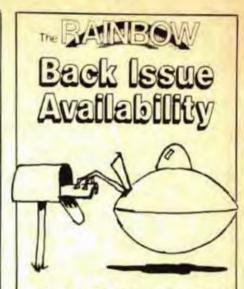
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            RUN gfx("line",255,0,255,191)
 0584
 0585
            (* set yellow foreground for latters
            (* if mode is '0,1' you get green letters on black background
RUN gfx("mode",1,1)
 0509
 0616
 D628
 0629
            WILLE tat DO
 0632
              READ a, b, c, d
 0643
              IF a-999 THEN GOTO 100
 0644
 0654
              ENDIF
 0656
 0657
              RUN gfx("line",a,b,c,d)
 0677
            ENDWHILE
 0679
 067C 100 INPUT x5
 0684
            ( "quit" de-allocates the graphics memory
 DEAE
            RUN gfx("qult")
 D6 DA
            END
 06BC
 0680
            (* data for the letters
 06p4
            DATA 4,160,4,188
            DATA 4,160,12,174,12,174,18,160
 06E4
 0700
            DATA 20,160,20,188
 0710
            DATA 24,160,24,168,24,160,36,160
 0720
            DATA 24,174,30,174,24,188,36,188
 0748
            DATA 42,160,54,160,42,160,42,188
 0764
            DATA 60,160,60,188,60,160,72,160
 0780
            DATA 60,188,72,188
 0790
            DATA 78,160,78,188,78,160,90,160
 DZAC
            DATA 78,188,90,188,90,160,90,188
 0708
            DATA 96,160,96,188,96,188,108,176
 07E4
            DATA 108,176,120,188,120,160,120,188
 0800
            DATA 126,160,126,188,126,160,138,160
 OBIC
            DATA 126,188,138,188,126,174,132,174
 0838
            DATA 150,188,162,188,156,160,156,188
 0854
            DATA 168,160,180,160,168,188,180,188
 0570
            DATA 168,160,168,188,180,160,160,188
PROCEDURE type
            PARAM name: STRING[60]
 0000
 000c
            DIM path: INTEGER
 0013
            DIM fIREAL
 001A
            DIM chartSTRING[1]
 0026
            DIM tat: BOOLKAN
 0020
 007E
            ON ERROR GOTO 100
 0034
 0035
            tst-TRUE
 0038
 003C
            OPEN #path, name: READ
 0048
            f=0
 0050
 0051
           WHILE tat DO
 OUSA
             SEEK #path,f
 0064
 0065
              IF EOF( path) THEN PRINT
 0070
                CLOSE #path
 0076
 0075
              ENDIF
 007A
 007B
             GET #path, char
 0085
             f=f+1
0091
0092
              IF char=CHR$(7) OR char=CHR$(10) OR char=CHR$(13) OR char
     "CHR$(31) AND char("CHR$(127) THEN PRINT char;
00C4
             ENDIF
0006
0007
           ENDWHILE
DOCE
 00cc
           CLOSE #path
 0002
           PRINT
 0004
 0005
           REN if you want a character count, add the next line
PRINT "character count"; f
0108
0120 100
           IF ERR*216 THEN PRINT name; " not found"
013E
           EMDIF
0140
0142
PROCEDURE cocodir
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			0358 035E	PRINT ".";
			0356	ENDIF
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			036C	
			036D	RIM get the file type - 0,1,2,3
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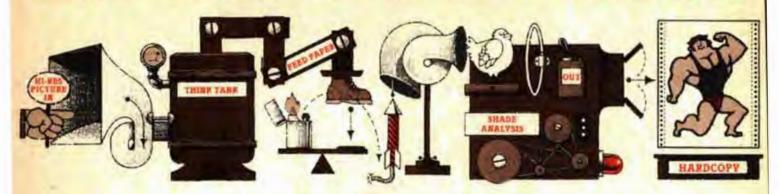


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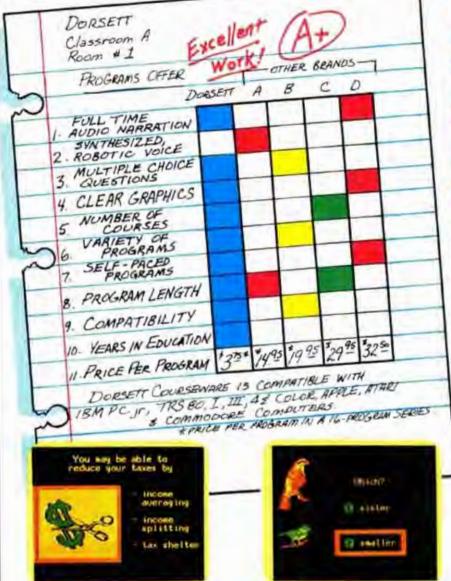
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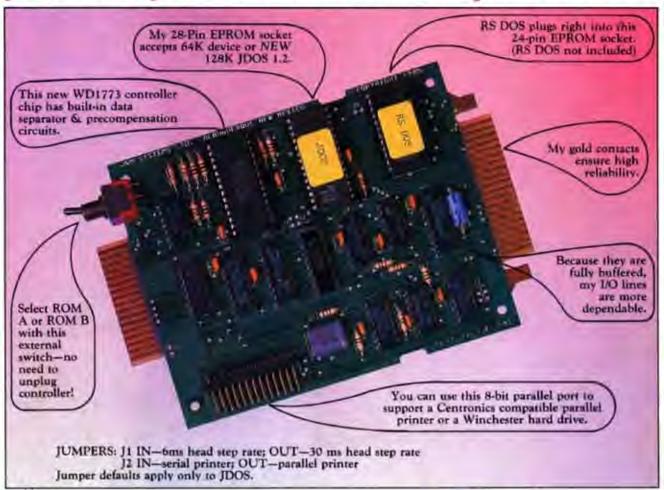
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